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DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON AND TERRITORIES

ANNUAL MEETING

Development and extension both in Kowloon Peninsula and in the New Territories by the China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd. was reported at the annual meeting of the company held to-day in St. George's Building. An expert from Home has been appointed consultant, it was stated, and further expansion is contemplated.

Light was thrown on the offer of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., for amalgamation of the interests supplying electricity on each side of the harbour and it was explained why the proposal did not go through. Increased business in all respects during the last financial year was detailed.

The speech of Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman of Directors) is reproduced here. It was seconded by Mr. C. A. da Rozza. Mr. Shewan said:—

Gentlemen,—I propose with your approval to take the Report and Accounts, copies of which have been in your hands for the required period, as read.

The Accounts

The net profit available for appropriation, after payment of the Interim Dividend of five per cent. amounting to \$179,109.74, is \$433,044.81, which we recommend be distributed as follows:—

In payment of a Final Dividend of nine per cent., making fourteen per cent. for the year, absorbing about \$332,000, and in payment of a Bonus to the Staff of the Company amounting to about \$23,080, leaving a balance of about \$78,000 to be carried forward.

The Working Account shows a gross profit of \$747,186.53 against \$530,941.25 last year, an increase of 40 per cent. The number of consumers has increased from 12,245 in 1928 to 13,554 at the close of the year.

Units sold during the year rose to 13,133,526, an increase of 29 per cent. It has been the special endeavour of the Company to encourage and assist users of electricity for power purposes, and with this end in view the rate per unit for power has now been reduced to 7 cents per unit for all motors, while special discounts are allowed on all monthly accounts of \$100 and over. For lighting, our charge, in accordance with our undertaking at the time we began to change our voltage, has been reduced as from October 1 last to 18 cents per unit, with discounts to large consumers.

Declaration of Trust
In connection with the change of voltage, large areas have been completed and much apparatus, such as fans, etc., has been converted to the higher voltage. Much still remains to be done before a complete change-over can be effected.

With regard to Consumers' Deposits, which amounted at September 30 to \$282,915.05, we have now decided to keep these entirely separate from the Company's funds and to invest them outside the business of the Company. A formal Declaration of Trust in respect of these deposits has been drawn up, and will shortly be available to our consumers for their inspection. Your Directors hope the adoption of this policy is one that constituents of the Company will appreciate, inasmuch as it is one not generally initiated but a step which the Board has decided to take in the special interest of depositors.

Expert's Report
As indicated at the last annual general meeting, an agreement has now been closed with the Government for the supply of electricity to the New Territories. As I said then, we do not expect this branch will show a speedy return, but we are looking to the future and to the great expansion which is now taking place in Kowloon and which

STONES ON PEAK TRAM

OBSTRUCTION REMOVED IN TIME

DISASTER AVERTED

At the Central Magistracy this morning two Chinese boys were ordered to receive twelve strokes of the cane each for placing some pieces of stone on the Peak tram at Kennedy Road Station at 1 p.m. yesterday.

If the Chinese train inspector had not seen the stones and had them removed the next tram would undoubtedly have been wrecked.

must sooner or later extend to the New Territories.

In view of the great development of our business last year, your Directors decided that the time had come to obtain the services of a first-class consultant to report on the position of the Company generally and advise us more particularly as to the steps to be taken to ensure our developing on the most modern scientific lines. For this purpose we engaged Mr. A. H. Preece of the well-known firm of electrical engineers, Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Rider, of London, to come out from Home and thoroughly investigate our position from a technical standpoint. This he has done, and your Directors are pleased to tell you that his preliminary report is a most satisfactory one to us and especially as regards the steps to be taken in respect of the development of our undertaking.

Amalgamation Scheme
Before concluding, I have to mention that in March last we received an offer from the Hong Kong Electric Co. for amalgamation on the basis of an exchange of shares in the proportion of one share in the Hong Kong Electric Co. for every six of the 720,000 shares which at that time comprised the issued capital of this Company. This proposal was given very serious consideration by your Directors, and after some negotiation the Hong Kong Electric Co., on May 23, wrote to us stating that unless we were willing to accept one of their shares for every five of the 800,000 shares in the China Light & Power Co., the Directors of the Hong Kong Electric Co. were unable to recommend amalgamation to their shareholders. The advantages of amalgamation were not lost sight of, but having regard to the future prospects of this Company, the terms offered by the Hong Kong Electric Co. were found unacceptable by your Directors.

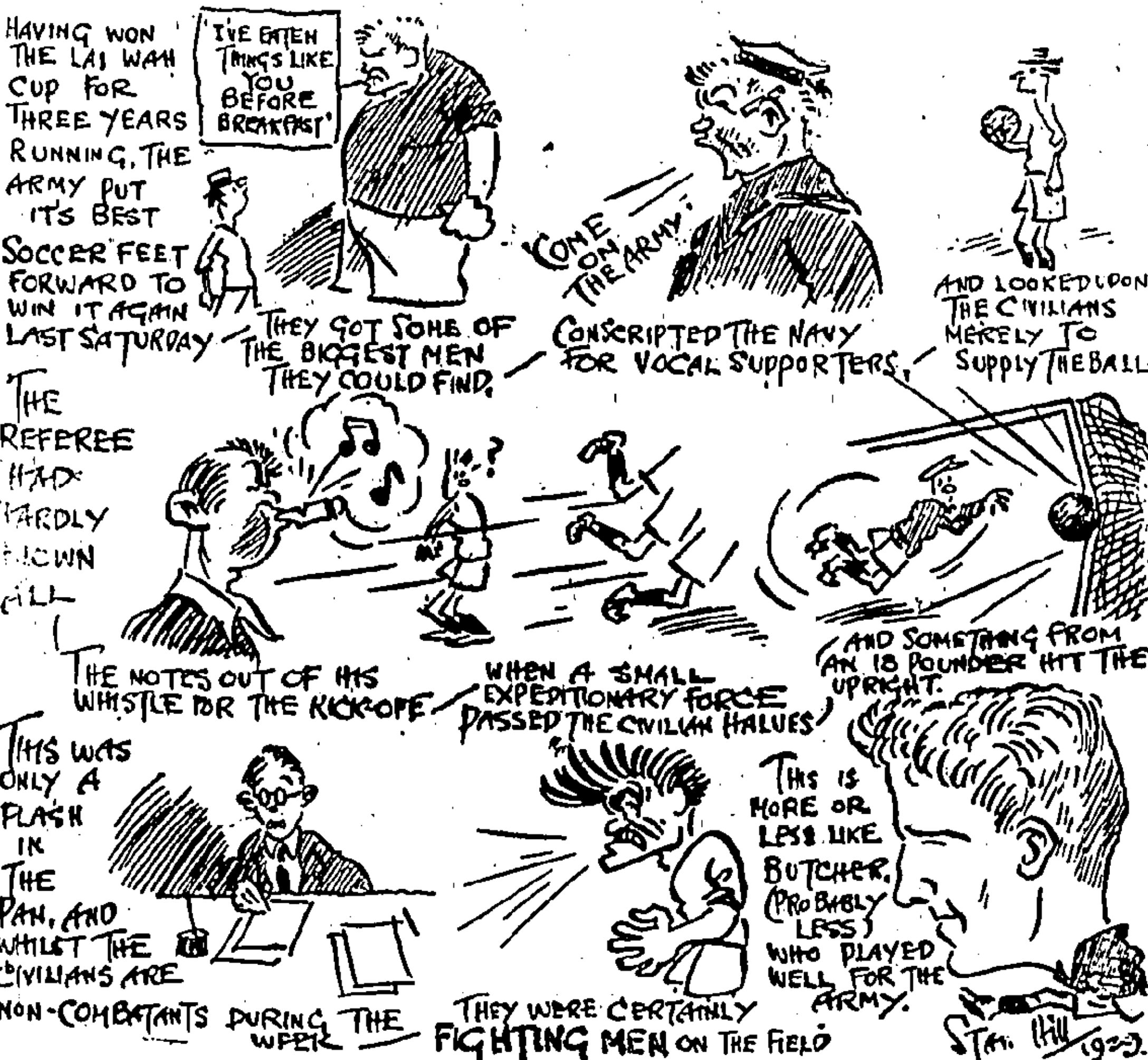
Reaping the Reward
The pioneering efforts of this Company, attended as they were with discouraging results over a long period of years, have now begun to be rewarded, as the accounts before you clearly show. Further large capital expenditure will, however, have to be faced in order to cope with the increase for electrical energy on the mainland; but, in view of all the circumstances, we anticipate that the expenditure will be fully justified.

I think I have now covered all the ground, but before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, would like to mention that the proposed appreciation of about \$23,080 in the form of a Bonus of one month's salary to the Staff is one which your Directors trust will commend itself to the unqualified approval of the shareholders. The satisfactory results of the year's working have been produced by the united efforts of the personnel of all departments of the Company's business.

Chairman's Resolution
I now beg to propose the following resolution, and after it has been resolved shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders:—

"That the Report and Accounts as presented to this Meeting be adopted and passed, that a Final Dividend of nine per cent. on the paid up capital of the Company be and is hereby declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1929, that a Bonus be paid to the Company's Staff equivalent to one month's salary amounting to about \$23,080, and that the undivided profits of the Company amounting to \$433,044.81 less the above appropriations be carried forward to Profit & Loss Account for the financial year 1929/1930."

FINAL OF LAI WAH CUP



COMMONS DEBATE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

FUTILITY OF SCHEMES OF ROADS & BRIDGES

"TACKLE A NEW PROBLEM"

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons to-day debated unemployment on a motion to reduce the salary of the Lord Privy Seal by Mr. Wheatley, who complained that mere schemes for widening roads and repairing bridges were futile.

COLLISION AT SEA
Tributes to Bravery Of
"Fort Victoria" Crew

New York, Yesterday.
Dense fog practically kept at a standstill the movements of ships in New York Harbour for four days, but shifting winds to-day cleared the air. Newspapers continue to pay tribute to the discipline on the "Fort Victoria," specially commending the wireless operator as well as the captain and officers for sticking to the ship to the last moment.—Reuter's American Service.

AIRMEN DELAYED Bad Weather Holds Up French Pilots

Agra, Yesterday.
The French airmen, Le Brix Roal, has been delayed by bad weather. They propose to resume the flight on December 21.—Their hope to cover the whole route in 100 hours, including stops, is now unrealistic.—Reuter.

"HAICHING" SEQUEL Alleged Pirates In Court

The two Hokei Chinese who are alleged to have taken part in the piratical attack on the s.s. "Haiching" were brought up on remand this morning before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court.

COLONY'S CURRENCY PROBLEMS

COUNTERACTING HOARDING OF NOTES

RELIEVING THE SHORTAGE

Further momentous decisions about the Colony's currency and financial problems have been taken.
By announcement in the "Gazette" this morning, the Government has made a regulation that as from December 19 (the day on which the Executive Council met) the usual tax of one per cent. per annum on bank notes issued by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will only apply to a total of \$45,000,000. In other words, if the Bank chooses to place more than \$45,000,000 of paper money on the market, the extra issue will be exempt from tax.

The Government's decision, of course, is to give added inducement

FRESH — CLOUDY

The Royal Observatory reported the following at 10.55 a.m.
The anti-cyclone remains central over North China. The Northern depression has moved to the North-east of Tokyo.
The Southern depression appears to be about 150 miles West of Guam, moving North or N.N.W.
A fresh monsoon is along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. wind, fresh, cloudy.

ment to the Hong Kong Bank or, alternatively, to reduce the penalty on note issues which must necessarily be very expensive.

Dislike to Big Coin
When the rate of the Hong Kong Dollar was adjusted a few months ago the silver dollar (known as "British" and "Mexican") became legal tender. Some people have shown a pronounced dislike to the big silver coin and have, accordingly, hoarded notes for fear that they should receive silver instead.

It is a high compliment when the public prefers to hoard the Colony's notes instead of metal, but inconvenience has been caused by a shortage of notes for business requirements.

Such hoarding applies to Hong Kong and may apply to places under Chinese jurisdiction. There has been an appreciable influx of silver dollars into Hong Kong, "British" from the Bombay mint, and "Mexican" from Shanghai. This should have made bank note requirements easier, whereas, on the other hand, there appears to be a shortage.

PRINCE OF WALES & SOVIET MINISTER

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON PROPAGANDA

A HOSTILE PUBLIC

London, Yesterday.
M. Sokolnikoff was plunged into business immediately after presenting his credentials, and called on Mr. Henderson and exchanged notes regarding propaganda, presumably also relating to the Dominions.—Reuter.

Exchange of Notes

Rugby, Yesterday.
After presenting his credentials to the Prince of Wales to-day the Russian Ambassador M. Sokolnikoff, returned to the Foreign Office, where he saw Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary. The purpose of the visit was the exchange of notes covering propaganda as between the British and Russian Governments. It is understood that Sir Esmond Ovey the newly appointed British Ambassador to Russia, will present his credentials in Moscow to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

TROUBLE IN SOUDAN Tribesmen Fire On British Troops

Khartoum, Yesterday.
The recalcitrant chief Lafofa in the region of Talodi, in the Nuba Hills, has been captured by a joint force of the Sudan Defence Force and Police. Tribesmen the next day fired on the troops, killing one and wounding the Commander, Captain A. Low. The situation is well in hand.—Reuter.

the Hong Kong Bank had an average of 49 1/2 million dollars of notes in circulation. Last month, the average was 52.3 millions. At present, it has risen to 61 1/2 millions, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Chief Manager, kindly informed the "China Mail" to-day.
As the tax on the amount over 45 millions has been waived by the Government, the penalty on a banker issuing more notes to meet requirements has been removed.

Sufficient Paper Money
In Mr. Hynes's opinion, there is sufficient paper money in the Colony for purposes of trade. The shortage has been caused by hoarding, he said, which is undesirable. Notes cast a good deal to print, a large staff has to be maintained, in connection with them, and sometimes series have to be burned wholesale because of forgeries.

Expert opinion is that the issue of more bank notes will tend to discourage hoarding.
Two Other Banks
In passing, it has to be stated that two other banks have note issues in the Colony, their average amounts during the last two months being:—
October November
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China 16,285,351 16,825,344
Merchants' Bank of India, Ltd. 1,992,354 1,881,945

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse

Heading to article in Home Journal: "Prizes for Drinking Songs."—How about prizes for drinking drinks?

When the kiddies go to see "The Broadway Melody" at the Queen's Theatre they can be trusted to do most of the "talkie."

"Photography in University" figures under "Finance and Commerce" in a local paper.—Certainly a hobby that has to be financed somehow.

A Chinese chief foreman in a perfumery factory has left the modest sum of \$81,500.—His relatives may be expected to get quickly on the scent of it.

With the return from Home leave of the Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, the inmates of Victoria Jail may again be described as Bloxham and Jetsam.

Mr. Lloyd George is now the Father of the House of Commons. In spite of his liberality, however, the majority of the family remain independent of him.

Cyclists who ride at night without lights will not get off so lightly in future. The magistrate is determined to put down this "no light" business.—No light job

"Scottish dramatists," says Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, "are creating plays that have meaning."—And there is no reason to suspect that this is a printer's error for "meaning."

"The taking in hand of the Hermes has been deferred until January, 1933.—Perhaps the Navy boxers will provide one really strong man to take it in hand by then!

Some Christmas cards have gramophone records with suitable greetings this year.—These are records that even the General Post Office in the Colony will be unable to break.

An expert is investigating the problem of producing a perfect putting green.—The present imperfect putting greens provide quite sufficient problems for the average player, however.

The M.C.C. players were once more soundly "harracked" by the Melbourne crowd following an appeal against darkness.—Obviously, these fellows fail to see things in the same light.

FERRY REGULATIONS

A technical alteration has been made to one of the regulations applying to local ferries in the Central district and a new one has been added, reading:—
"No person shall use or attempt to use for the purpose of travelling on any ferry vessel any season ticket not originally issued to him or not intended, according to its terms of issue, to be available for his use for such purpose."

UNIVERSITY COURT

The following have been re-appointed for three years to serve as members of the Court of the University of Hong Kong:—Mr. Chau Yue-ting, Mr. A. H. Crook, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. Lo Chung-kue, Mr. J. Hennessey Seth, Mr. Wong Kam-tuk, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin; and as representing grant-in-aid schools, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria), Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Valorta, and Mr. W. L. Patten.

RELIEFS FOR CHINA

It is officially announced that H.M.S. "Vindictive" will leave Home about the end of February with relief crews for British gunboats on the Yangtze River, and for H.M.S. "Tamar," "Petrified," and "Tropica."

Why Wun Hi?—Why not Fun Hi?

"Soldiers Mobilised."—At Whiteaway's Toyland.

Type that they keep standing in newspaper offices:—"Big Fight Fiasco."

A 110 ft. worm has been discovered.—A centipede worm, in other words.

The woman who was caught with a huge quantity of heroin pills was no heroin.

Heading to trade article: "Hong Kong Export Trade Returns."—Is That So?

Children's Christmas hymn—"Will you meet me at the fountain" (at Whiteaway's).

The New New Company has a store in Kowloon.—The new new or the old old prices?

Newspaper heading: "Masons' Free Fight."—Not the same as a "Free Masons' Fight."

Even during the Yuletide season reporters are fonder of taking notes than of giving them.

The Criminal Sessions we again proven that even armed robbers have their little trials.

The exhibitors at the Art Exhibition appear to have put a great deal of "art" into their pictures.

With the opening of a fine new building the Hakka community are hacking their way to success.

May many a Girl Guide a Boy Scout and his host of relatives to the City Hall concert to-night.

A Scottish Labour M.P. has given up smoking.—But it is suspected that the fire will still be there.

Two bills of padding have been advertised as lost.—Hope the right contemporary will recover them.

All the ponies in the Jockey Club stables have been maimed.—Some malign influence has been at work.

A chapple went into a store and asked for cheap face towels.—There's a lot of cheap faces in the Colony.

It would hardly be correct to say that the investiture of Major Cheyne with the O.B.E. puts him in chains.

A Portuguese, described as a "judge by profession," has left estate worth \$1,300 in the Colony.—Judge of what?

Stribling lost the fight through hitting Carners low.—But what was the poor lad to do? Get on a stool and finish the Italian?

It is denied that the bald headed man who won a shingle brush at a whilst live was an Aberdonian who is now growing a moustache.

Miss Pola Negri is being sued for \$14,000 for arrears in Income-Tax.—You require to be a film star to indulge in this form of publicity.

There may be nothing colourful about these London parleys, but we are doubtless all agreed that the coal outlook is still pretty black.

We hope that those misguided people who are always crying for "an old-fashioned winter, you know," will get their fill next week.

What is monotony? Police Recreation Club supporters should be good at it by this time. They have a long wait for their first League football victory.

There is no truth in the statement that in order to obtain the right man for the Chair of Scottish History, candidates will be asked to answer the following questions:—"What did King Robert the Bruce say about the doric heard at St. Andrew's Hall in Hong Kong, and did Bonnie Prince Charlie ever visit Taipei?"

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tertainment was offered by the
children before the prize giving,
and was greatly enjoyed by the
large attendance.

Action Songs, "The Frog and the
Crow", "The Polka Song," Class 9.
Scenes from "Struwwelpeter",
"Pretty Stories and Funny Pic-
tures", "Harriet and the Matches",
"Conrad Suck-a-thumb", "Augustus
Fidgety Philip", "Johnny Head-in-
Air", "The Man that went out
Shooting", Kindergarten and Class
9 (Aided by Class 5 in the second
item).

Four Songs, Happiness ("When
We Were Very Young") Feed Me
Cow ("The King's Breakfast"),
Lines and Squares ("When We
Were Very Young"), Hippy Hop
("When We Were Very Young"),
(A. A. Milne), Class 9.
Scenes from "Hiawatha", (1)
"Hiawatha's Childhood", (2) "The
Winning of Minnehaha", (3) "The
Wedding Feast", Classes 6, 7 and 8.
Miss M. W. Newsholme, the act-
ing head mistress read the school
report for 1929 as under:—

The year which has just passed
has been singularly uneventful
which, while satisfactory in many
ways is not so satisfactory when a
report is in the making.

Attendance.—The school opened
on January 7 with 69 pupils and
closed on December 20 with 58.
The average attendance is 57.14.

Health.—Throughout the year
the health of the children has on
the whole been good. In the middle
of March two cases of chickenpox
occurred and twenty-five children
were absent through fear of infec-
tion just before going to England.
Two children contracted measles
in the summer but as these cases
occurred during the holidays it was
found possible to open school as
usual in September, and two
children only were obliged to absent
themselves to complete their period
of quarantine.

The school has been visited by
the Medical Officer, Dr. Minett in
January, March, May and Novem-
ber. The 8-9 year group of children
were examined, including entrants
of that age. All were declared to
be in a good state of health.

Staff.—In January Miss Cotton
left the Peak School to return to
the Quarry Bay School. Miss
Looker on appointment from Home
joined the Staff and Mrs. Mackin-
tosh resigned to go Home. In
March Miss Newsholme joined the
Staff to replace Mrs. Stark who sailed
for England at the end of the
month. In September Mrs. Fraser
was lent to the School for 6 weeks
to act as a substitute for Miss
Buckwell who was in hospital. In
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SUWA MARU.....	Saturday, 28th December.
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AKI MARU.....	Wednesday, 22nd January.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TATSUNO MARU.....	Tuesday, 14th January.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	
DURBAN MARU.....	Friday, 10th January.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
AKITA MARU.....	Sunday, 29th December.
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MANILA MARU.....	Tuesday, 24th December.
BOMBAY—via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEIGEN MARU.....	Friday, 3rd January.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHAMBASA—via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU.....	Thursday, 2nd January.
CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU.....	Thursday, 2nd January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
PARIS MARU.....	Sunday, 22nd December.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 27th December.	
MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU.....	Saturday, 4th January.
HAIPHONG—via Hobeih & Pakhoi.	
MEHADO MARU.....	Thursday, 26th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAYAMA MARU.....	Wednesday, 8th January.
JAPAN PORTS.	
SEATTLE MARU.....	Tuesday, 24th December.
HONOLULU MARU.....	Sunday, 29th December.
KEELUNG—via Swatow & Amoy.	
CANTON MARU.....	Sunday, 22nd Dec., Noon.
HONG KONG MARU.....	Sunday, 29th Dec., Noon.
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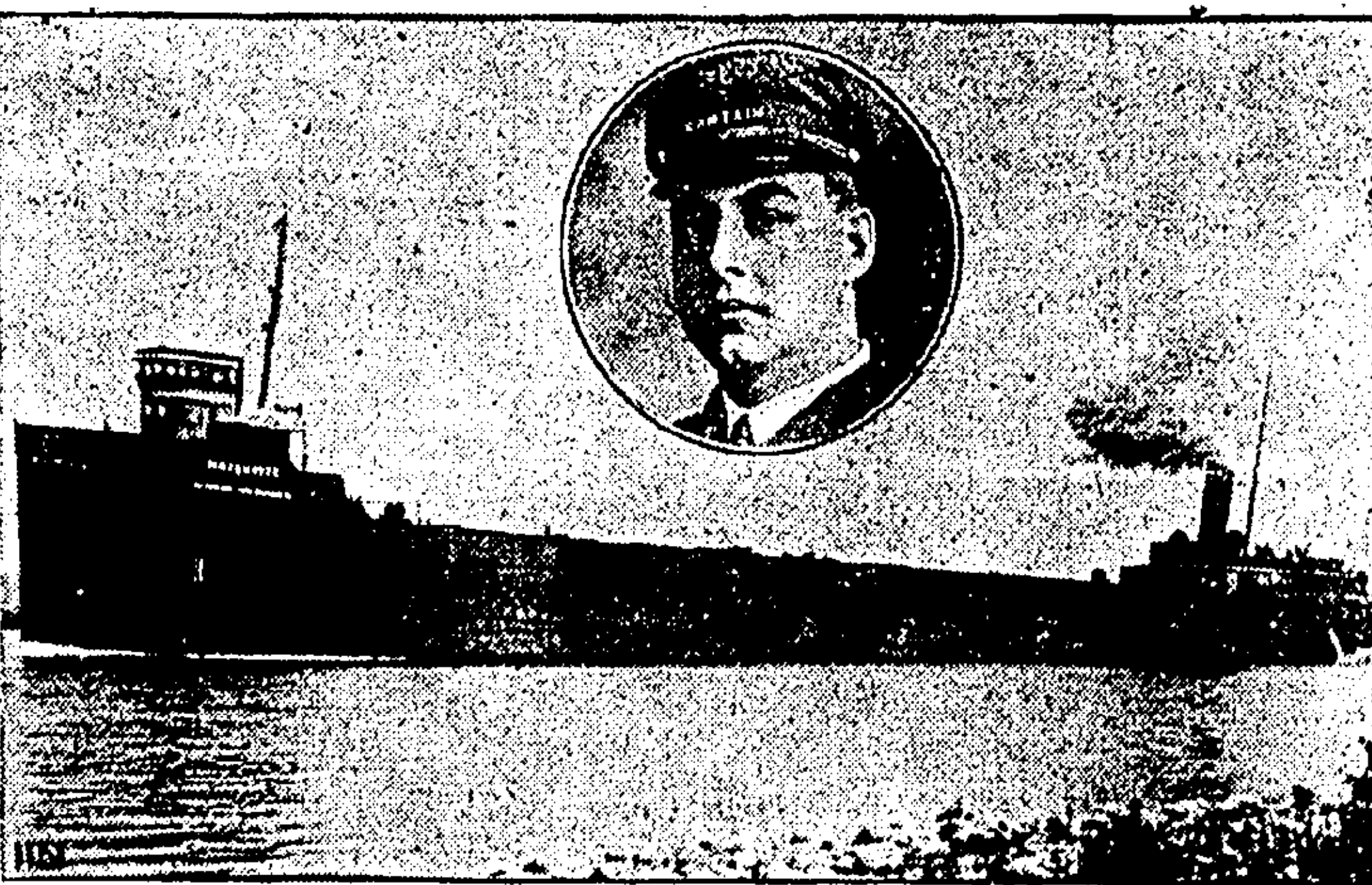
Features of Polar Research Ship

The Royal research ship "Discovery II," which sailed recently from London, constructed to the order of the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the Discovery Committee, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs. Ferguson (Port Glasgow), Limited, on November 2 last. The vessel, a single-crew steamer, is designed for research work in connection with whaling, hydrographic, and other scientific investigations. She has an overall length of 232 ft., a length between perpendiculars of 220 ft., a moulded breadth of 36 ft., and a moulded depth of 20 ft. It is anticipated that the bulk of her service will be in the Antarctic seas; consequently the forward part of her hull and her whole length fore and aft, in the way of the load line, have double plating and are specially stiffened to resist the action of ice. As a protection from cold, cork insulation is fitted throughout. The vessel is rigged as a fore and aft schooner, and has a crew's nest and searchlight platform on the foremast. The main or upper deck extends fore and aft, and is of steel sheathed with wood; a top gallant forecastle and raised poop, also

BRITISH LOSSES

World Shipping Casualties

Lloyd's Register Wreck Returns for the quarter ended June 30, 1929, show that during the quarter the number and gross tonnage of ships of 100 tons and above totally lost, condemned, etc., in consequence of casualty or stress of weather were as follows (corresponding figures for previous quarters in brackets):—Forty-four steamers and motorships of 58,637 tons (103 of 167,322) and 14 sailing ships of 8,444 tons (18 of 9,972), a total of 68 vessels of 67,081 tons (121 of 176,394). Of this total the British losses were 6 steamers and motorships of 4,797 tons (21 of 28,957) and 1 sailing ship of 127 tons (none), a total of 7 vessels of 4,924 tons. Ships broken up, condemned, etc., not known to be in consequence of casualty or stress of weather are excluded from the above. The tonnage so excluded amounted 70 steamers and motorships of 205,148 tons (65 of 173,559) and 7 sailing vessels of 9,076 tons (6 of 6,617), a total of 77 vessels of 213,223 tons (71 of 180,176). The British figures are 23 steamers and motorships of 65,626 tons (18 of 48,034 tons). The gross reduction in the mercantile tonnage of the world from all causes reported during the quarter



Ploughing through a heavy fog on Lake Michigan, the freighter "Senator" collided with the "Marquette," making the third major lake tragedy within the past ten days. The "Senator" sank, and only heroic rescues saved the entire crew. Above is shown the skipper (inset), Captain L. F. Amshury.

sheathed with wood, are fitted. The 'tween decks extend over the whole length of the ship, except in way of the machinery space. Under the 'tween decks, the vessel is fitted with double bottom throughout. Part of this space is utilized for divided oil-fuel tanks carrying over 300 tons of oil, which will give the vessel an extensive steaming range. Large store rooms are provided in the lower hold for long voyages.

The accommodation for the scientists, officers, and seamen is arranged in the 'tween decks, as are the laboratory work-room, and the dark-room. Chemical and biological laboratories are fitted in a steel house forward of the boiler casing, while steel houses on each side of the engine and boiler casings are fitted up as scientific stores, ship's office, navigator's stores, bathrooms, lavatories, &c. The deck machinery includes a large trawl winch, a windlass, a steam and hand steering gear of the Wilson-Pirie type, and a steam-driven Lucas sounding machine mounted on the forecastle head.

Other features of the vessel comprise electric generators for lighting, &c., a refrigerating plant, and wireless and steam-heating installations. The propelling machinery consists of one set of triple-expansion engines working at a pressure of 200 lb. per square inch. The two boilers burn oil fuel on the Wall-sand-Howden forced-draught system. A complete workshop is installed in a separate compartment in the engine-room. It is equipped with a lathe, a drilling machine, a slotting machine and grinding machines, all of which are driven by electric motors. The whole vessel is of exceptionally strong construction, and is well and comfortably arranged and fitted out for her special work. The "Discovery II" was launched with engines and boilers installed on board, and it is anticipated that her trials will be carried out in a few days' time. "Engineering."

EASTERN PORTS

Details of Health Bulletin

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended December 14, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:

Plague:
Alexandria: 2 cases, 1 death.
Bagdad: 1 case, 1 death.
Pom-Pom: 1 case, 1 death.
Cholera:
Calcutta: 30 deaths.
Rangoon: 9 cases, 6 deaths.
From-Pom: 2 cases.
Small-pox:
Berbera: 5 cases, 3 deaths.
Bagdad: 10 cases, 6 deaths.
Bombay: 18 cases, 4 deaths.
Calcutta: 54 cases, 22 deaths.
Cochin: 66 cases, 6 deaths.
Karachi: 40 cases.
Madras: 10 cases, 2 deaths.
Moulmein: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Batavia: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Canton: 3 cases.

was, therefore, 114 steamers and motorships of 263,785 tons (168 of 340,881) and 21 sailing ships of 16,519 tons (24 of 14,689), a total of 135 ships of 280,304 tons (192 of 355,570). The British figures are 20 steamers and motorships of 70,323 tons (39 of 76,991) and 1 sailing ship of 127 tons (none), a total of 30 ships of 70,450 tons (39 of 76,991).

The percentage lost during the quarter of tonnage owned (excluding vessels broken up, etc., not known to be consequent on stress of weather) are lowest for Great Britain, Italy and Spain, 0.02 per cent. The highest percentage is Greece, 0.33 per cent.

FIRING COAL

Mechanical Stoking On Ships

The crude methods of firing coal which usually obtain, in a marine stokehold equipped with the ordinary, or Scotch, type of boiler are often the subject of criticism at meetings of naval architects and others, and also in the technical Press, both as regards wastefulness and the strenuous labour entailed. That this criticism has had some effect, or that those concerned are realising the drawbacks of the old systems, is evident from the recent developments in the use of pulverised fuel at sea, but the application of the mechanical stoker in ship's stokeholds, although by no means new, has not hitherto received the generally speaking, the attention it deserves. It is therefore interesting to record that the well-known firm of mechanical-stoker manufacturers, Messrs. Edward Bennis and Company, Limited, of Little Hulton, Bolton, have utilised their wide experience of mechanical stoking systems in the production of a stoker of marine-type stoker, and that the firm showed an example at the recent Shipping, Engineering and Machinery Exhibition at Olympia. The stoker possesses the general characteristics of Messrs. Bennis' sprinker-type with the self-cleaning furnace having reciprocating firebars, but a modification has been made enabling pre-heated air to be used as well as air at normal temperature. This modification has involved the adoption of another, namely, that of forcing currents of cold air through the interior of the firebars in order to prevent overheating when pre-heated air is being used for combustion. Further, in order to avoid the loss of water entailed by the use of steam jets for inducing the air currents, these jets have been eliminated in favour of a fan-impelled air supply.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on December 20 (Fri.) at 3.30 p.m., left Shanghai on December 21 (Sat.) at 10.30 a.m. and is due at Nagasaki on December 23 (Mon.) at 1.00 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki on December 23 (Mon.) at 5 a.m.

ON THE MADISON

Some of the Prominent Passengers

Aboard the s.s. "President Madison" arriving at Hong Kong yesterday were:

Mr. Walter Knipp, a Shanghai business man en route around the world.
Mr. Walter Dwight, retired business man of Chicago, accompanied by his wife. They are en route around the world.

Dr. M. S. Kern, a tourist en route around the world, accompanied by his wife. They will disembark at Manila.

Mr. A. Y. Chew, the Dollar Passenger agent at El Paso, Texas, who will visit relatives in Canton for the next year. He is accompanied by his family.

Capt. John Hartin, a marine surveyor, well known through the Orient en route to Manila.

Mr. H. K. Murphy, a well known Shanghai business man, on a visit to Hong Kong.

Prof. E. W. Kemmerer, heads a finance mission to China. He is Princeton Professor and is a well known finance man.

Mr. A. M. Martin, an engineer connected with the China Pilot Driving Co. He will remain in Hong Kong for about three years.

Mr. R. M. Bowman, General Manager in the Far East of the General Tyre Co. His territory extends from Japan to India. He is now establishing agencies throughout the Orient. Mr. Bowman is accompanied by his wife.

Mr. W. Bauman, agent for the North German Lloyd Line at Manila, on route to his home.

Mr. Lewis Smith, connected with the Chinese Post Office, on a visit to Hong Kong.

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Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 13	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 2
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 15	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 28
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 30
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 21
EMPEROR OF ASIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
EMPEROR OF CANADA	July 19	July 22	July 25	July 27	Aug. 5
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 30	Aug. 2	Aug. 5	Aug. 7	Aug. 16
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 12	Nov. 15	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	Nov. 29

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LAHORE	5,304	11th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHIVA	9,135	18th Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
MIRZAPORE	6,716	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
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TALIA	10,000	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALIA	7,841	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*KIDDERPORE	5,834	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KARMA	5,128	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
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Peking, December 6.
The "Customs-Correction Corps" of the local bureau of social welfare announces that 50,357 Chinese women have been discovered with bound feet in the former capital, and that they have been instructed to unbind their feet at once.

A short period of grace is permitted the women to unbind their feet, and after the expiration of the time fixed, the corps statutes that a thorough check-up will be made, and those who have not complied will be punished.

Men with Queues
Representatives of the corps have been stationed at all the city gates in Peking to watch for persons entering the city with bound feet or men with queues. These officials are armed with large scissors, and have been instructed to snip off the queues of conservative farmers who persist in wearing the ancient hair-suit adornment.

They are also instructed to warn peasant women entering the city that they will not be permitted to leave until they have unbound their feet.

The Bureau states that the campaign has continued for two years against bound feet and queues, and that the time has come to stamp out this practice, regarded as pernicious, without further delay.—United Press.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, 14th December, 1929.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the tide-predicting machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water, and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

December 21 to 27, 1929.			
D.O.	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Sat. 21	4.44	4.4	7.45
Sun. 22	5.49	7.2	8.43
Mon. 23	6.59	8.9	9.43
Tues. 24	8.13	10.6	10.43
Wed. 25	9.31	12.3	11.43
Thurs. 26	10.53	14.0	12.43
Fri. 27	12.19	15.7	13.43

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THE USE OF FINGER- PRINTS

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The difficulties that often arise in a person proving his or her identity, and the value of the finger-print system, were explained in a lecture on "Faces and Finger Prints," which was delivered at the Horniman Museum, London, recently by Dr. C. Ainsworth Mitchell.

The ordinary person, when asked to furnish proof of identity, would, he said, produce his birth certificate; but in many instances births had not been registered. The testimony of friends and relatives was also not infallible, as they might have left the country; and the lecturer quoted several well-known instances of mistaken identity, citing the famous Tichbourne case, and that of Adolf Beck. Another method of identification, often adopted by sailors, was tattooing; but this was liable to imitation.

Faces Built Up
Dr. Mitchell showed on the screen how faces could be built from the skeleton by experts using standard measurements, ascertained from various nationalities, and narrated how such a face was built up in plasticine and led to the identification of Dominico Rosa, an Italian, who was found murdered in a New York cellar, and had been missing for over a year.

The first discovery of the use of finger-prints proved a valuable aid to the process of identification. The hand of a prehistoric man, found on the wall of a cave in America, showing the particular markings on the finger tips, proved that those patterns had been noted at a very early period; but the first attempt to use them as a means of identification was made by Sir William Herschell, about 1855, when he was a Commissioner in India. He noticed that if the natives were asked to place their fingers on a document, they regarded it as something sacred, and would never repudiate it, and the idea occurred to him to use this as a means of identifying different people.

Finger Prints Indestructible.
Finger-prints, said the lecturer, are permanent and indestructible, and he showed how, even after the skin had been burnt off, the original pattern was restored when the new skin was formed. The various processes for taking impressions of finger-prints from the covers of books, both by ink and vapour, were shown; and in one instance the lecturer did not develop the impression for three years. In tropical climates the soles of the feet can be used; but it was exceedingly rare to find any pattern on the heel.

In the lower animals the patterns are much simpler; but when we reach the ape stage, the markings are found to be very similar to the human prints. Dogs and cows have well-marked patterns on their noses. "You ink the nose," said Dr. Mitchell, "and make the cow do the printing." The method was capable of extension to animals, and the only sure and certain method in the identification of human beings was to make use of the finger-print system.

It may be that in time," added the lecturer, "everyone who signs a cheque will have to make a finger-print, and it would be well if this could be done when a person makes a will, as we should then have more certainty than we have at present."

STRIKE THAT FAILED

Helsingfors.—The one-day general strike, proclaimed by the Communist-controlled trade union organisation, out of sympathy with some Communist prisoners on hunger strike, was a total failure. The Social Democrats had warned their members against taking part in the strike.

General Snuts, who received the degree of D.C.L. at Oxford, urged that there should be territorial segregation of black and white in Africa. It is a discipline disappeared native society would be resolved into its human atoms, with possibilities of universal Bolshevism and chaos.

NEW YORK'S WORST NOISES

CLASSIFICATION BY POPULAR
VOTE RESULTS
CHURCH BELLS NUISANCE

New York.—The Noise Abatement Commission, whose questionnaire requesting a vote to determine the worst noises in the city, is getting results and hundreds of letters are being received daily at the Commission's office. Automobile horns, noisy brakes, fire-alarms, church bells ringing early in the morning, and motor trucks are selected as the most annoying disturbances by a majority of the persons filing reports during the first few days since the questionnaire was sent out to the public. Church bells came in for some comment by one man. He said he was not lacking in religious zeal, but "no-one goes to church as early as five a.m."

Copies of the questionnaire were sent to residents in all sections of the city and the recipients were requested to vote for the most annoying noise on a list of 25, giving the time and place of its most frequent occurrence. The Noise Abatement Commission welcomes all suggestions, but is using the information obtained largely for the purpose of mapping out a campaign calculated to wipe out unnecessary noises. When the most troublesome noises are ascertained, the Commission intends to wage an educational campaign with the hope of influencing those responsible for such noises to abate the nuisance as much as possible.

The questionnaire instanced loudspeakers in houses, automobile horns, horse-drawn trucks, motor-trucks, buses, noisy mechanism or tyres, automobile cut-outs. Twenty other noises were listed and the recipients of the questionnaire were requested to vote for the most annoying noise.—United Press.

DOMINION STATUS

Extremists' New Move

Calcutta.—The extremists are working hard to persuade the signatories of the Delhi manifesto of the Congress Party which welcomed Lord Irwin's declaration to withdraw it in view of Mr. Wedgwood Benn's refusal of an amnesty for prisoners, and the publication of the correspondence between Mr. Baldwin and Mr. MacDonald. The issue will be settled at a meeting at Allahabad summoned by the Punjabit Motilal Nehru. Sir Tej Sapru and the moderates will determinedly resist the revocation of the manifesto.

Allahabad.—The political situation arising out of the Parliamentary debates on the Viceroy's announcement in regard to Dominion status for India was discussed by the Congress Working Committee under the chairmanship of the Punjabit Motilal Nehru, who, it is reported, indicated a preference for altering the manifesto issued on November 2 at Delhi by political leaders (offering co-operation with the Simon Commission making certain stipulations) in the direction of non-acceptance of the Government's offer of a conference in view of the definite declaration that the announcement implied no change of policy.

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In Dock: "Roppy," "Scorpa," "Thracian."
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No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes."
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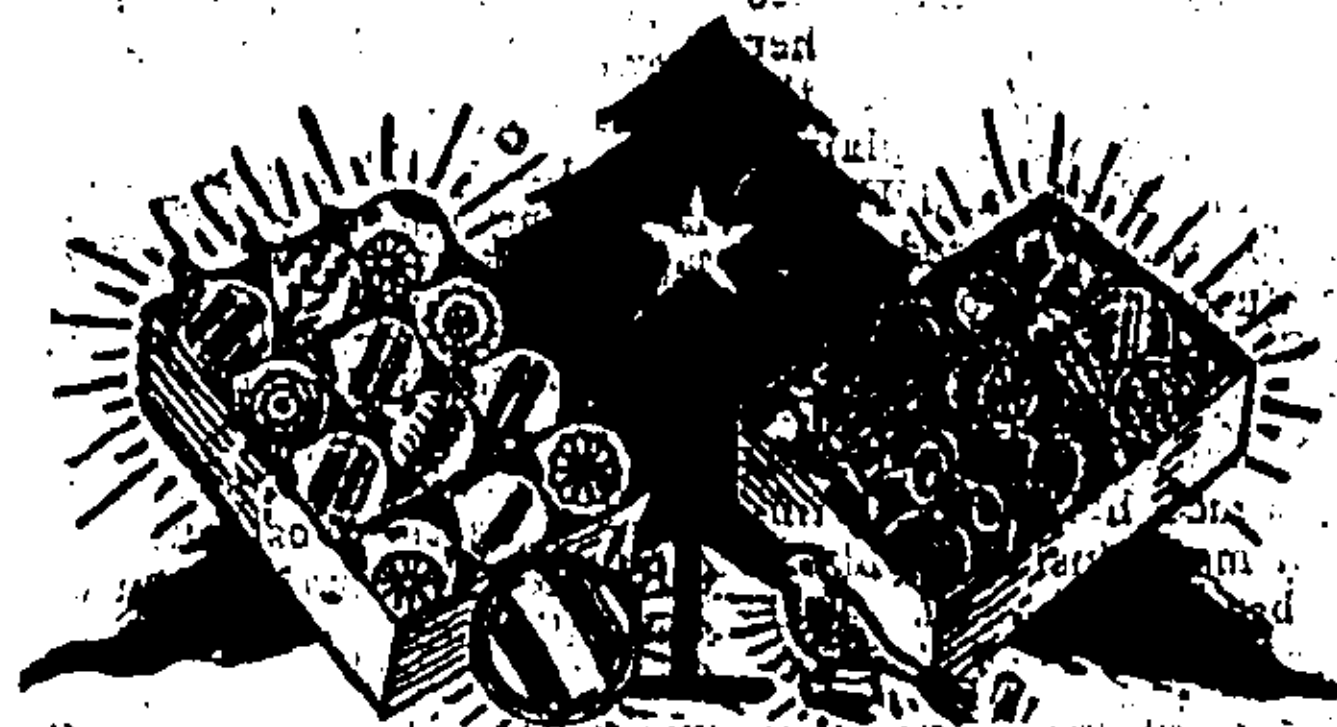
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STILL WATERS

Some months ago
Kowloon's when it was mooted
Traffic that the traffic
authorities contemplated vetoing the parking
of motor cars near the Star
Ferry on the Kowloon side of the
harbour, it was imagined that
any such proposal would create
considerable dismay and lead to a
public protest. Nothing more
has been heard of the matter
until the publication of the com-
municated report of the meeting
of the Committee of the Kowloon
Residents' Association. That body
is one that has studied the traffic
problem most carefully and hence
should be expected to re-echo any
dissatisfaction regarding the pro-
posed banning of private cars
from the parking place at the
Ferry. Instead, however, of con-
demning any such scheme, it ap-
pears to be content with inquir-
ing of the Police what alternative
parking places for private cars
can be offered and what are the
intentions of the Government
with regard to the overdu-
scheme for the proper regulation
of traffic in the busy thorough-
fare. It is to be hoped that this
is only a tentative inquiry to
force the Government to lay all
its cards on the table. It is un-
thinkable that just because a man
works in Hong Kong, and
owns a car in Kowloon he should
not be given as parking place for
his vehicle. What is a parking
place for a car in Kowloon?

Recently an
Bias Bay article was repro-
duced locally from
an Australian
paper telling of alleged large
sums paid by Shipping Com-
panies to the Bias Bay
pirates. Now a writer in the
Rangoon paper gets this
off his chest: "A few even-
ings ago I met a sailor man from
Hong Kong who told me some-
thing of the extraordinary doings
of the pirates who operate from
Bias Bay. He was lucky enough
to have been kept from serving
on board one of the boats when
the chief officer who took his
place was brutally murdered. It
is some satisfaction, even if only
a melancholy one, to know that
the dependants of any officer who
so meets his death get £2,000
compensation, while if one of
these officers loses a limb
or an eye he gets £1,000. But
surely it ought to be worth some-
body's while to clear out this nest
of pirates so as to avoid having
to pay these compensations, and
make the families of these naval
men free from anxiety. I was
surprised to hear, too, that there
is now no limitation, perhaps
there never had been, on the
entry of Chinese into Australia.
The prohibition is only against
Japanese, who are apparently
more feared than the Chinese."

The "information" given on the
Bias Bay pirates is as reliable
(sic) as that of Australia and
the Chinese, the writer of the
paragraph quoted above has a big
guess coming!

Apropos of a re-
"Girl Slaves" cent paragraph,
"In China" says "Truth,"
Mr. Walter
Buehler has sent me a letter from
which I have taken the following
extracts. What he says does not
of course affect my comments on
the continued existence of the
mullet system in Hong Kong
which is a British Colony.

Neither prohibitions nor
statutes will eradicate the evil of
the slave girl traffic in China. Its
cause is, in fact, one of economics.
It is the ambition of every Chi-
nese, rich or poor, to have as many
children as he possibly can, boys
being preferred. Life being hard
of cheap account among the
Chinese, girls receive less con-
sideration. What is the result?
It is a most unfortunate thing
that Chinese people have a
tendency to marry early and to
have many children.

done through the sight to nine
thousand foreign missionaries
stationed in various parts of
China. "So long as 'Truth' and
the Labour Government permit
themselves to be grossly misled
by a set of mischievous busy-
bodies, no one need expect them
to believe anything but half
truths that are worse than down-
right lies!

NEWS IN BRIEF

The name of Mr. L. E. C. David
has been added to the list of author-
ised architects in the Colony.

Sir Henry Gollan returned by the
s.s. "Malwa" from Shanghai, where
he has been sitting in appellate
jurisdiction.

The tennis star, Miss Helen Wills
and a San Francisco broker, Mr.
Fred Moody, aged 28, have applied
for a marriage licence.

The Viceroy of India has agreed
to the request to meet the political
leaders, Gandhi, Motilal, Nehru,
Mr. V. K. Patel, Mr. M. A. Jinnah
and Sir Tej Sapru at the Viceregal
 Lodge.

Lt. B. A. Coad, 2nd Wiltshire Re-
giment, has been appointed Asst-
ant Provost Marshal, Shanghai
Area, vice Lt. (local Captain) D. S.
Harvey, Scots Guards, with effect
from November 11.

President Hoover has appointed a
research committee, with Mr. W. C.
Mitchell, Professor of Economics at
Columbia University as chairman,
to enquire into significant social
changes in American life in recent
years.

The names of Mr. D. Black, Mem-
ber of the Society of Accountants
(Edinburgh) and Mr. E. A. H. Udy,
Member of the Federal Institute of
Accounts (Melbourne) have been
added to the list of authorised
accountants.

The David Livingstone Centenary
Medal for exceptionally important
achievement in the field of geo-
graphy in the southern hemisphere
has been awarded to Commander
Byrd by the National Geographical
Society. Previous recipients include
Sir Douglas Mawson and ex-Presi-
dent Roosevelt.

The defence was opened yesterday
afternoon, before Mr. A. W. G. H.
Grantham, in the case in which a
Chinese fooki of the Lee Fung Hang
firm of Nam Pak Hong is charged
with the unlawful possession and
uttering of six forged \$500 notes of
the Chartered Bank. The hearing
has not concluded.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. W.
Hamilton took further evidence in
the case in which the Canton au-
thorities are seeking the extradition
of a Chinese named Au Ying on
charges of armed robbery and mur-
der of a young woman two years
ago in the Au Chuen village, Namhoi
district, Kwangtung.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

A Convinced Imperialist: Dollar Line Changes: The Contents Bill: Where is Hong Kong? U.S. Mission

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set, has a ruddy complexion and
a slight stammer and, weather-
permitting, makes a point of
walking to the City in the morn-
ing.

A convinced Imperialist, Sir
Charles Wakefield has given pri-
ority aid in the development of
Imperial communications.

His interest in aviation dates
back 20 years. He has operated
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days in Australia and has been
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Dollar Line Changes

THE new schedule of the Dollar
Steamship Line showing time
changes will be ready for distribu-
tion in approximately one week. An-
other feature it will contain is the
announcement of direct sailings from
San Francisco to Singapore via the
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former round-the-world liners "Pres-
ident Hayes" and "President Monroe"
will be used in this service. There
will be sailings from Manila to
Singapore on February 1, March 8,
April 12, and every five weeks there-
after. Return sailings from Singa-
pore to Manila, Honolulu, San Fran-
cisco and Los Angeles will be on
February 8, March 15, April 19 and
every five weeks thereafter. The
new service will provide Singapore
with its first direct passenger trans-
portation system with the Pacific
Coast for many years.

Journalism in France
THE newspaper contents bill which
is so familiar a part of the street
in London, has never hitherto been
prominent in Paris, but it seems to
be creeping in, writes a correspond-
ent. For some months the news-
paper "Moniteur" have displayed a
modest little sheet hardly larger than
a folio, to announce the main items
in the news of the mid-day paper,
"Paris-Midi." Now the evening
paper, "Le Journal" is following ex-
ample, and it may soon become gen-
eral. This kind of newspaper is
making another kind of effort to
save their business. In the old
days of the Seine, when paper
was scarce, they came to be
known as "les journaux de poche"
and they were very popular. Now
they are making a new effort to
save their business by becoming
smaller and cheaper.

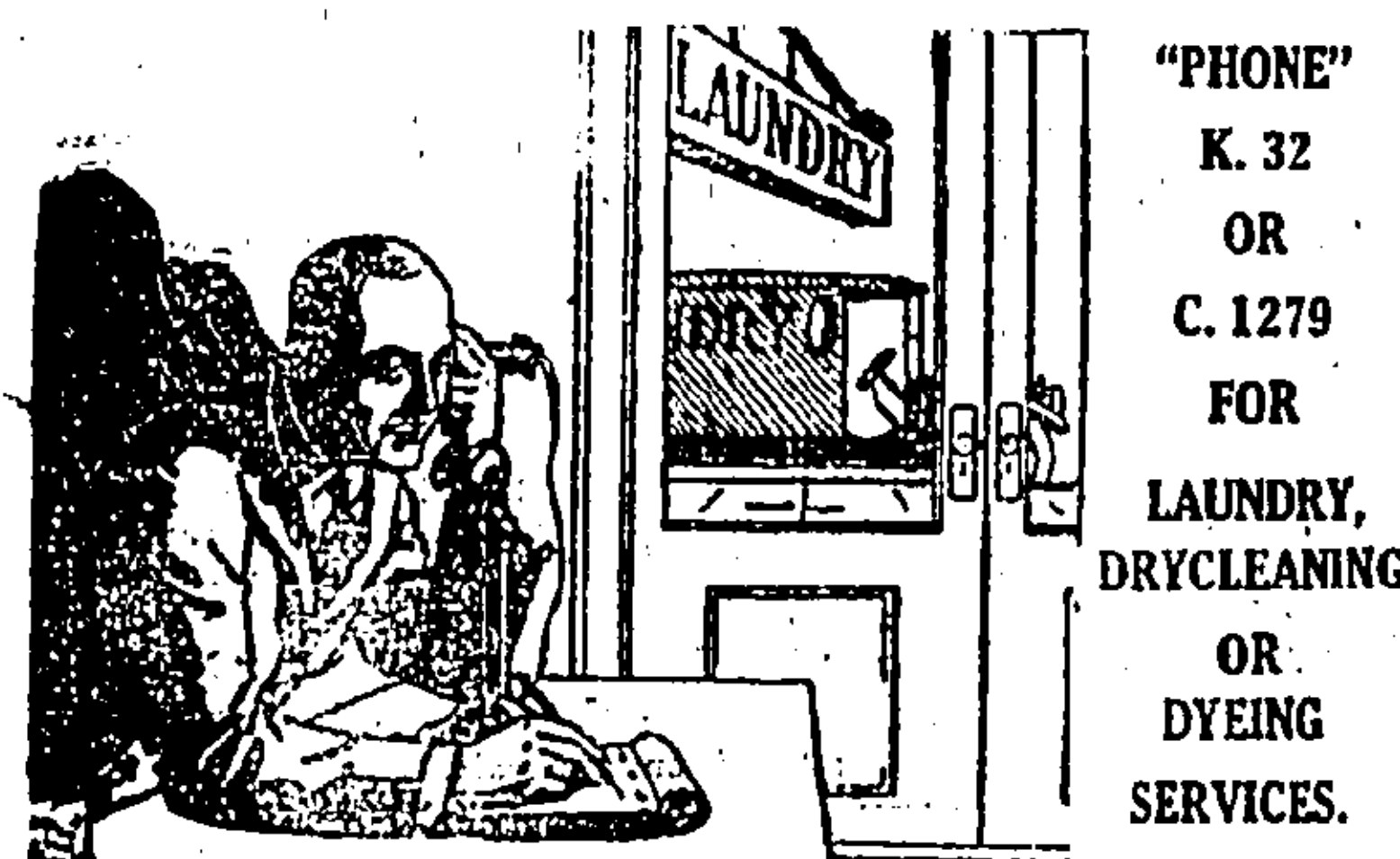
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"Hong Kong in China"

ATTENTION is directed by the
"China Express" and Telegraph
to a curious anomaly, which results
in the facility of the cheap twenty-
word cablegram, called the weekly
letter, which originated with the
cable companies and has proved a
boon throughout the Empire, not be-
ing extended to Hong Kong, and
that because "Hong Kong is in
China." A letter was passed over
the counter at a Home Post Office
with a 5s. fee. It was returned to
the sender with the remark that
the cheapest rate was "deferred"
viz. 2s. On asking the reason,
the was rather astonished to be
told that, as Hong Kong was not on
the list of places for which the week-
ly letter rate was accepted, it must
be in China. Not satisfied, he visit-
ed the Cable Company's office, and
was there told that "although Hong
Kong is not in China, that is how
we regard it."

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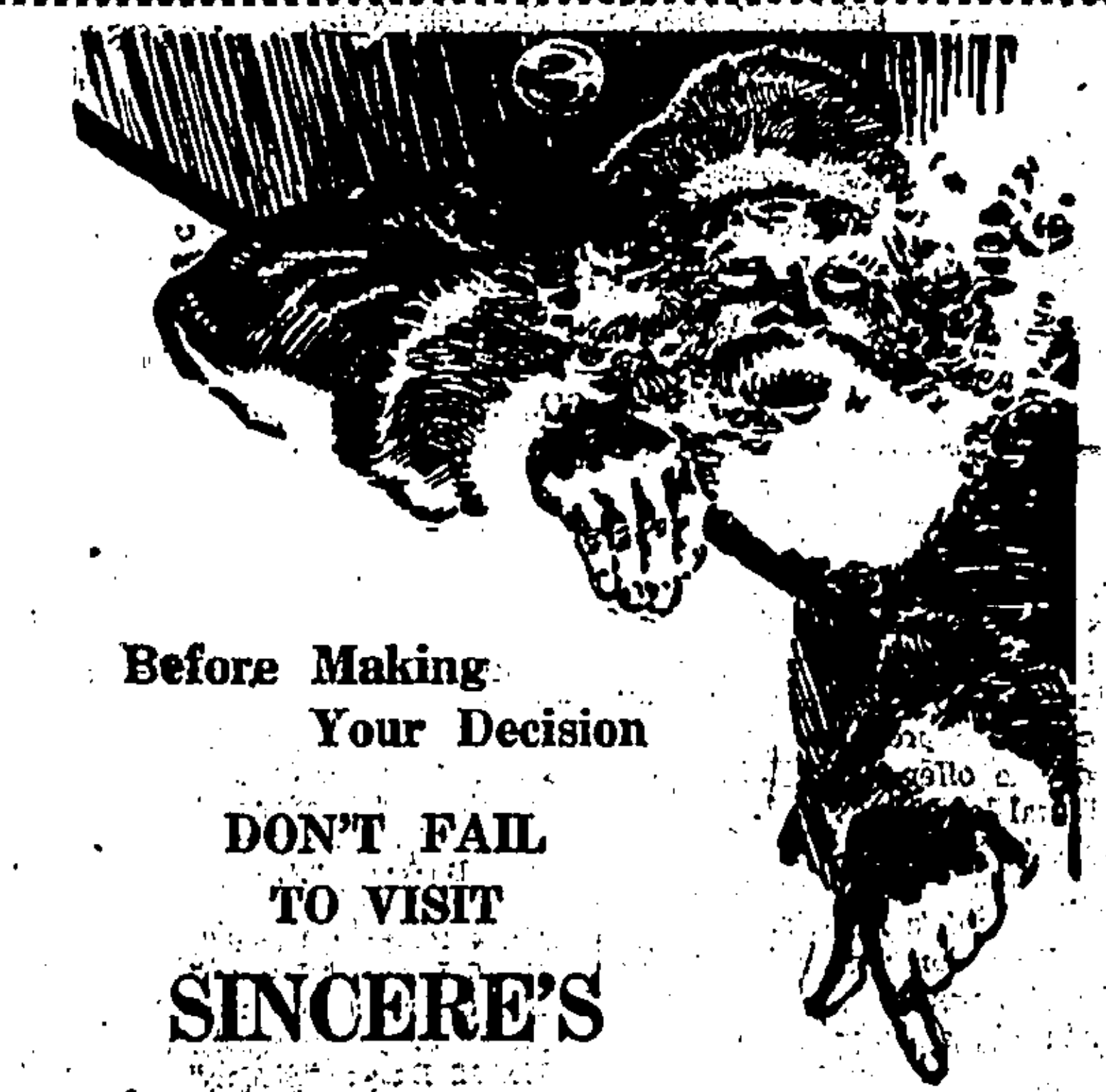


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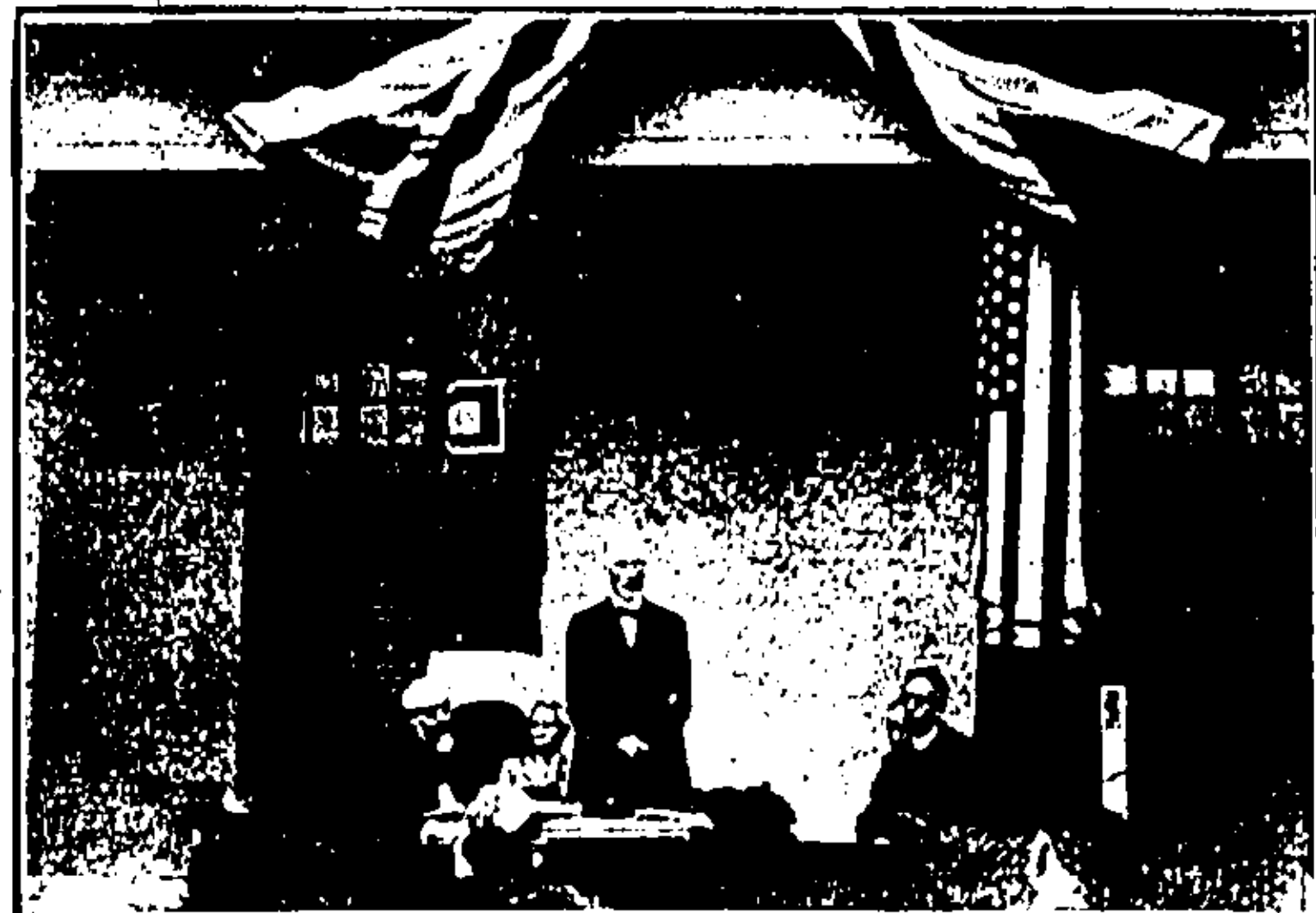
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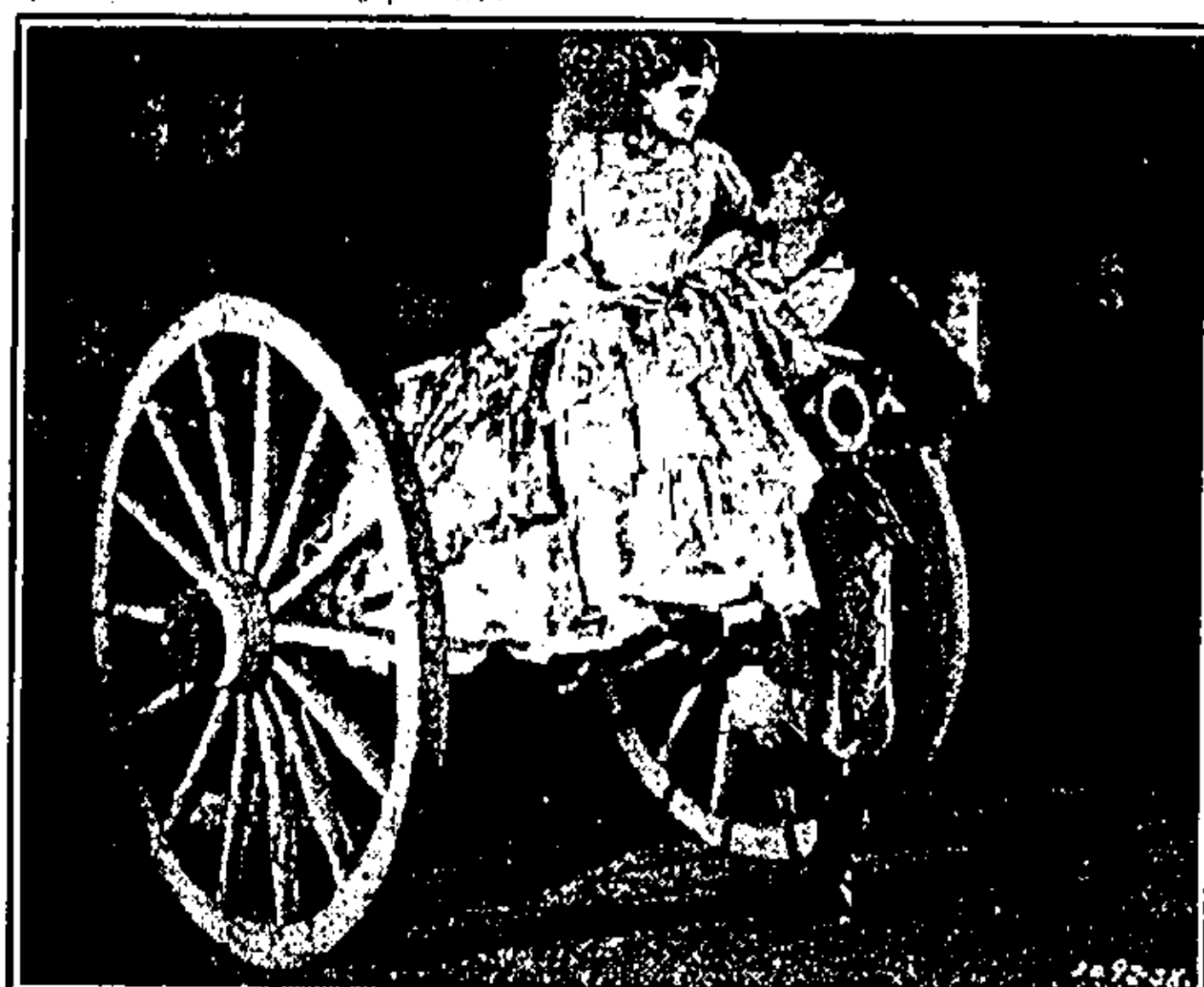
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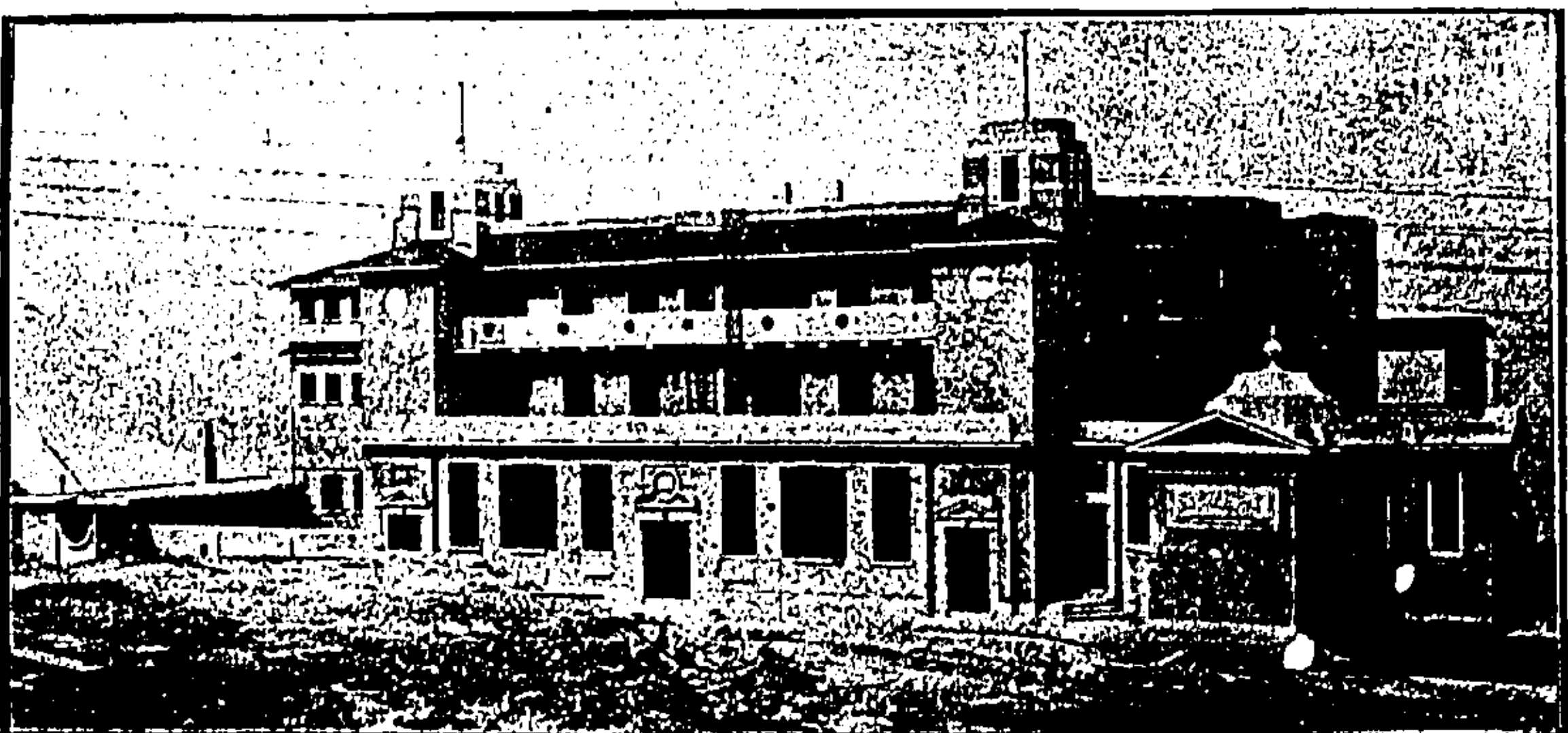
OPENING OF RICCI HALL.—The Roman Catholic hostel of the University, Hong Kong, on December 16. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), who performed the ceremony, is seen speaking from the platform.—(K. Fujiyama.)



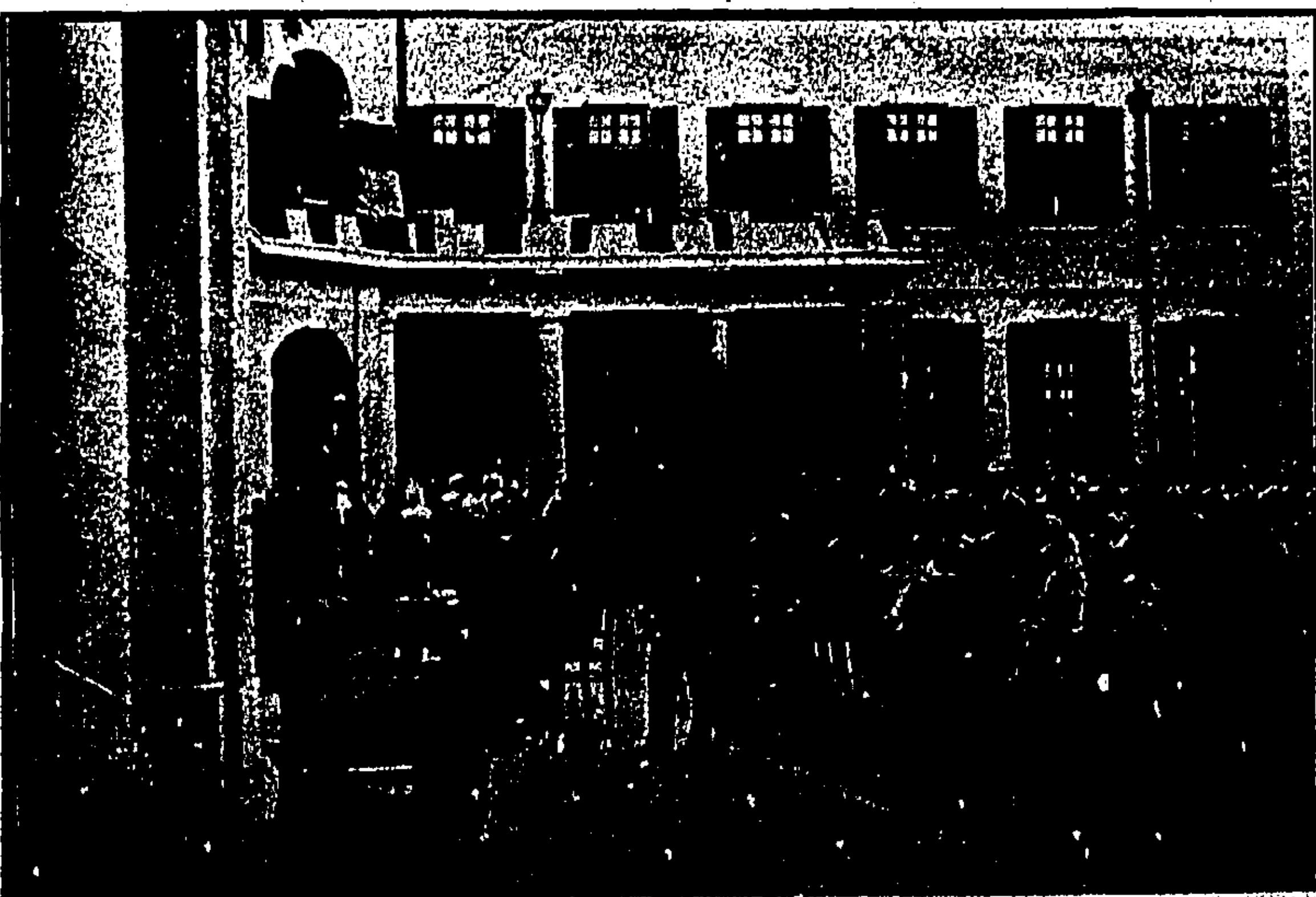
LOCALLY SHOWN FILM.—Scene from Jesse James, the thrilling picture which is being shown at Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, with Fred Thomson, and Nora Lane.



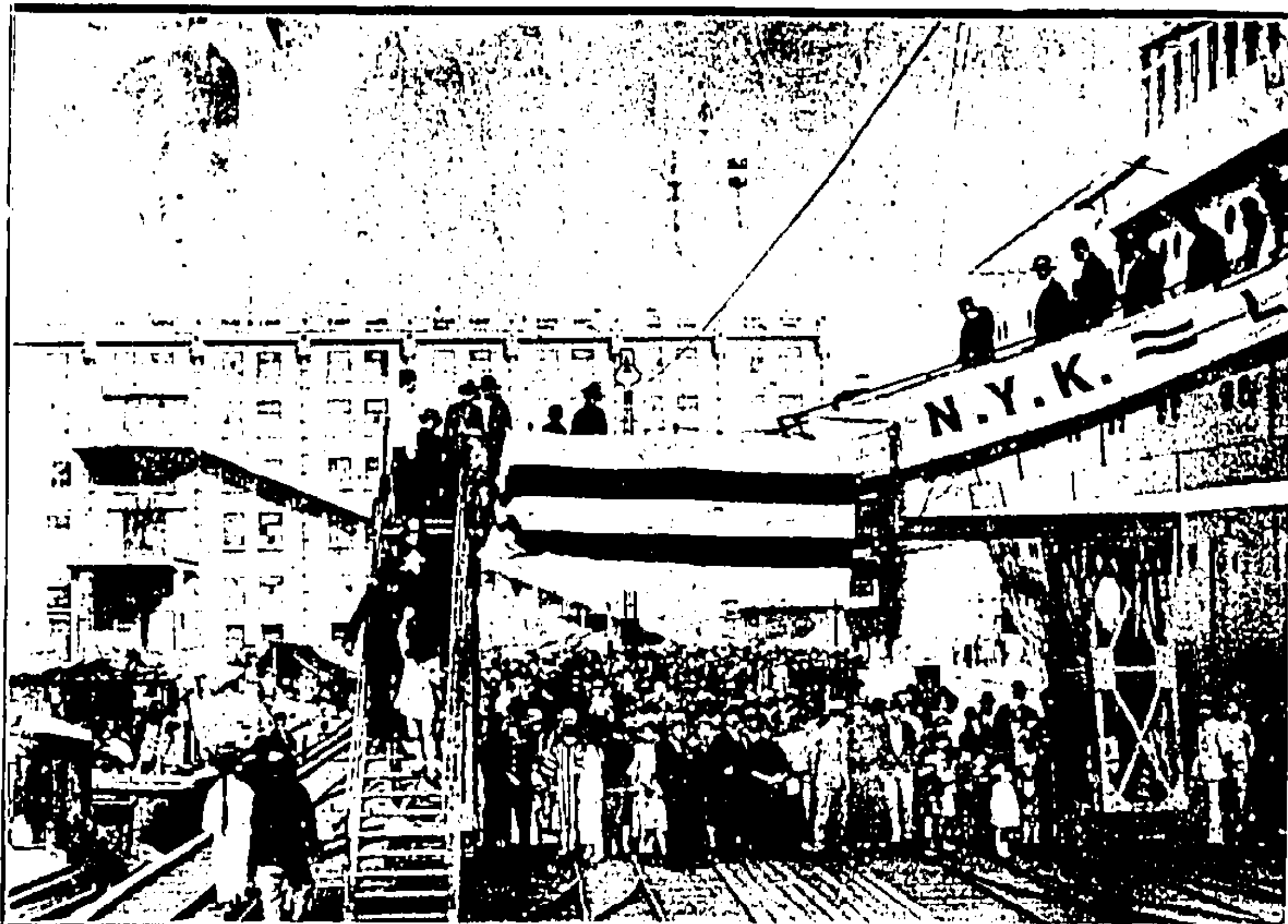
VISITING THE NEW SHIP.—Chinese, including some from Canton and Macao, streaming aboard the N.Y.K.'s new liner "Asama Maru," in Hong Kong, on December 8.



NAMED AFTER FAMOUS SCIENTIST.—Father Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary who worked in North and South China more than 300 years ago. This fine building is the date undergraduates of the Roman Catholic faith at the University of Hong Kong. The Colony's most distinguished educationalists were present last Monday at the formal opening ceremony.—(K. Fujiyama.)



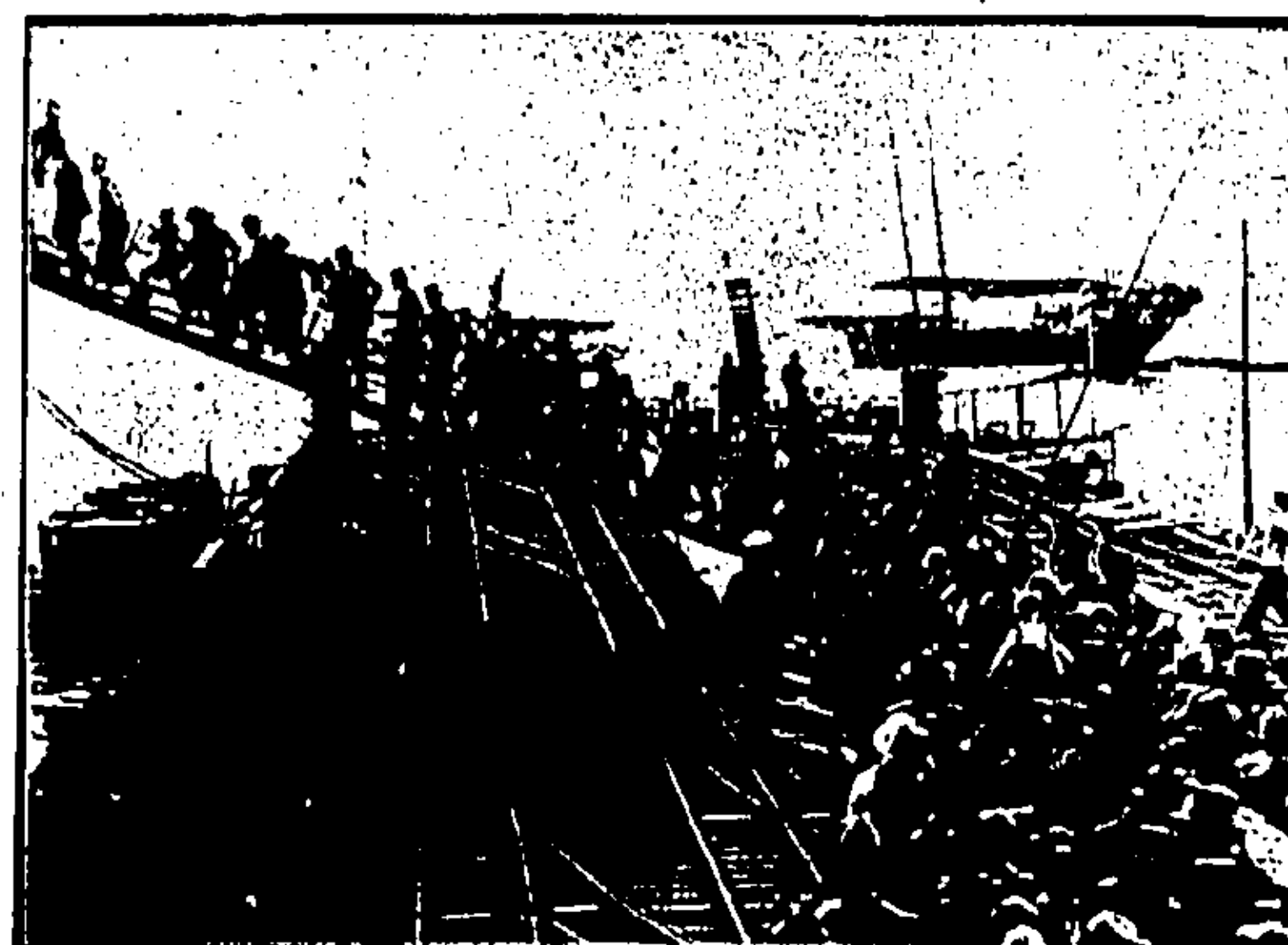
ANOTHER RICCI HALL PICTURE.—A part of the attendance at the new hostel for the University on the occasion of its auspicious opening, referred to elsewhere in this page.—(K. Fujiyama.)



(Above) GENUINE ADMIRATION.—As felt by the many visitors who availed themselves of "open day," December 8, to inspect the marvellous passenger accommodation of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's new motor vessel "Asama Maru," at Kowloon wharf. There were over 25,000 people and some of these can be seen in photo, awaiting their turn to go up the gangway.



COMING HERE.—Mr. George W. P. Hunt, U.S. Minister to Siam in 1921 and 1922, for 13 years Governor of the State of Arizona, who will arrive in Hong Kong on December 29 on the Dollar Line "President Garfield," on which he is travelling round the world.—(By courtesy of Dollar S.S. Lines.)



QUEUEING UP TO SEE THE NEW SHIP.—Here is a portion of the stream of humanity which poured into the bowels of the motor vessel "Asama Maru," on December 8. This giant liner has been added by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to the trans-Pacific service. The view here, of course, is of the extremity of Kowloon wharf, which is lined with rails for goods trucks. Normally, the gangway seen in this position is for steerage passengers.

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The WOMAN'S Page



LACE HOLDS SWAY

As Beloved By Ladies
As Ever

Lace is as fashionable to-day and as beloved by ladies as ever it was. It appears dyed in all the latest colours so that it is easy to match one's frock and carry out that ensemble idea which is so up-to-date and so very chic. And what shall we say of the laces that are picked out in colours, the flower patterns in white, black or other coloured lace being oversewn in coloured silks or chenille in innumerable patterns? These make up into fascinating, and extremely pretty frocks.

Everywhere gorgeous gold and silver lace is being shown, so wide that a yard and three quarters will make a frock even in these days of full skirts. Some of the new laces are scalloped, and others have pointed ends, which can easily be made up with the minimum of trouble into frocks with the fashionable dipping back or sides. With a lace frock of black or beige or white, you can ring the changes by having a different coloured slip for wearing underneath, and with a floral spray or a large cabochon brooch in the same colour as the slip, and necklace to match, no smarter effect can be aimed at. The sprays of flowers which are being shown in the local shops just now are bewildering; to such a pitch of high art have they achieved.

Again lace lends itself very kindly to renovations, and does not give that patchy effect so evident when different materials are used in the one frock to alter its appearance. Take a straight up and down frock of last season, the material of which is still almost new. Buy some lace of the same shade or a little lighter. Presuming the frock has a round neck, attach a lace bib or pointed yoke to the frock cutting away the material (say satin). The next step is to cut away the satin below the hips and attach to the frock a lace flounce, dipping at both sides or at the back. These dipping flounces can be bought ready to attach to a frock, and can be easily attached by oneself or by a sewing Amah who comes by the day to work. These women are generally extremely clever and given the idea can carry out renovations successfully. Many of them can also cut out and copy modes from fashion books.

To Lengthen the Frock
Perhaps you have a rather short evening or dance frock in your wardrobe which is really quite new and too good to send to the jumble sales in these days of a double slump. To lengthen the frock insert round the waist and above and below it three two inch-wide bands of heavy gold or silver lace in a diamond shape. The points of the lace on the bodice and skirt will give the effect of a hip yoke, and at the same time lengthen the skirt. The extra length thus acquired in the skirt can be cut into points or

For Tennis Courts



A knotty problem is settled by this tennis frock which will be seen on the courts. It is simple but stunning. Three deep red linen bowknots form a pair of pickets and a neckline decoration.

made to dip at the sides. Another idea is to attach a lace yoke to the bodice, unpick the skirt and let in dipping panels of lace, and you will have a new frock for a quarter of the price you would usually pay for one.

A charming renovation was seen the other day. A girl friend had a slim yellow lace frock in the up and down style. She cut away the lace below the hips and attached a foamy skirt of yellow tulle dipping at the back. The effect was fairylike and it accentuated her blonde beauty. Another way of changing the appearance of a lace frock, is to attach shaped panels of georgette to the frock in front which will give it that flattery effect so much desired. A Berthe collar of georgette to match the panels can also be attached to the neckline with pretty effect.

A Welcome Change

To bring a taffeta frock up to date, cut off the top of the bodice so that the waist comes slightly higher and add a little yoke of lace of the same colour as the frock, and to make the skirt the right length, add a wide hem of lace or

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EVENING GOWNS

The Shawl Wrap A Solution

Long evening gowns with uneven hems have always made the choice of an evening coat or wrap difficult.

A coat that follows exactly the hem-line of the dress over which it is worn is often out of the question, while the hip-length coat that has been so very popular is not warm enough for winter evenings.

The shawl-wrap is the most satisfactory solution of this problem.

It is actually merely a square, generally about 50 in. of broad-cloth or similar material.

The upper and lower edges are bordered with fur, but the sides are left untrimmed.

A wrap of this kind is indescribably graceful when draped closely round the figure by an expert.

Like an ordinary shawl, it seems to take on the personality of its wearer. On a true elegant it has dignity and restraint, and on a smart woman it is chic; while on a dowdy one it reveals itself as a mere square of material.

Unlike a shawl, of course it cannot be draped over the shoulder. The upper side of the square is placed round the neck like a collar, the two corners hanging loosely in front. The wearer then catches the cloak at each side and draws it gracefully over her arms.

DUCHESS'S WHITE BROADTAIL

The Duchess of York has been wearing in the evening a white broadtail lamb coat, collared in silver fox—the skins of such close texture as to look almost as fine as cloth.

This coat has been very greatly admired on all sides, the contrast of the silver fox making an unusual and beautiful background for the blue of the Duchess's eyes.

Dual Style Coat



A popular model in a tan broad-cloth coat which has a cape collar trimmed with fox fur. The beauty of this model lies in the fact that it can be worn with or without the fur collar, depending on the weather. A close-fitting back-hat and chin-length veil complete the outfit.

Insert bands of it in the skirt. For day frocks the collar and gauntlet cuff sets in lace now favoured make a welcome change from the usual lingerie sets that have been with us for so long and add a very dainty touch.

Lace is of particular advantage to us in the tropics, as to misquote an old saying, let us make lace dresses while the sun of fashion shines. If we can't emulate our sisters in the wearing of furs, we get even with them over lace costumes, which are wearable all the year round.

Fascinating Lines



Intricate and interesting are the lines of the season's evening gowns. This creation is offered in ivory taffeta-back satin. Myriads of circular pieces form the skirt and train at the back, while narrow bands of attached satin create a girdle of fascinating lines.

ALL BLACK

In old days all-black was only supposed to be worn by blondes. To-day the very dark and very fair seem to wear it with equal success. The whole idea of colour selections has undergone an entire upheaval. Types play their part more than actual shade of eyes and hair.

Jewels, too, have an important bearing on colour selection. The Queen of Spain always looks one of the best-dressed women, largely because the dress background for her lovely gems is so carefully selected. Pearls are perfect with either white or black aquamarines, one of her favourite selections.

FLOWERS AS ORNAMENTS

With the success developed by the buttonhole of fur tucked in at the collars or waists of afternoon coats, there is no reason why these flowers should not ornament the shoulders of evening gowns.

They are quite a new departure in this respect, and make a lovely black and white note on one shoulder of a black velvet evening gown to form a spray of convolvulus.

Mixtures of flat black and white fur to shape camellia-like flowers are an effective note on the black astrakhan collar of a black broad-cloth coat; artificial flowers appeared to be more or less abandoned during the autumn showings, but it appears they are reappearing in the mid-season collections set at waist lines in individually arranged small bunches.

ALL-BRITISH TWEEDS

For sports occasions, blue always suits Lady Anne Cavendish, and she likes Cumberland tweed. There is a simple frock of this colour, the material reversed for the skirt, which is again plaited in front and has cut-up straps in large diagonal designs running above the waist line on to the bodice in the reserved lightest tincture design.

A tawny brown speckled Cumberland tweed makes another "little" frock with a triple belt effect in front only and thinnest pipings of brown silk.

FOR THE BRIDE

Deep Parchment On White

What cheerful affairs weddings are nowadays.

White or deep parchment is the favourite colour, but more and that lovely, soft, rich fabric, moire-lame, is almost supplanting satin as the bride's selection. In a way, both these fabrics preserve the greater richness that is associated with the medieval mode, which is so admirable a style for the tall, slim type of British girl.

A halo of jewels is the correct accompaniment to the mediaeval mode, and the bride should carry either the sheaf of lilies or an ivory or vellum prayer-book. For a distinguished Italian bride (who possibly claims a remote connection to the famous Medici family) a celebrated jeweller is amassing many beautifully coloured gems for a large cross, which will match an equally gorgeous halo and be the only other ornament worn. Parchment moire-lame will be the fabric chosen, shot with silver and gold.

Velvet seems a very suitable form of bridal cloak for the winter bride. Faille is also used, the stiff satin or moire being preferable.

THE HAT ARTIST

The milliner who achieved success in the fashionable hat salons has always required to be an artist in the skilled use of colour. To-day she—or he, for millinery creation is not confined to women—needs to have something of the sculptor's mastery of line to mould the hat that harmonises with the changed silhouette of the modern type of woman.

There is a note of austerity in the firmly-moulded lines of this latest contribution to winter millinery, with one side outlining the contour of the cheek.

The colouring, however, is in piquant contrast to the severity of form. It is bright blue, and a large and softly-rolled curl is allowed to disclose itself on the opposite side.

Slender Silhouette



Above is revealed the latest in feminine styles. Of bottle green silk crepe with a velvet bow finishing the three-cornered neckline and draped hip yoke, this frock emphasises the uneven hemline and slender silhouette.

Trimmed With Lace



Soft clinging panne velvet in black is popularly used for the newer dresses with trimmings of real lace, making the perfect evening dress. A cape collar of Alencon lace gives a rich finish to the gown, with a belt of velvet placed at the waistline.

A WEEK-END NOVELTY

The new week-end models in afternoon frocks are of plain material, and have skirts killed instead of flounced, in order that they can be worn comfortably under adjustable wrap-over skirts in the same material as the overcoat.

Georgette and crepe de Chine dresses predominate in this class under tweeds, and they are chosen in colours to effect good combinations, appearing, as they do, in the nature of a blouse until the skirts are removed.

Brown georgette, for example, is revealed under brown tweed and red georgette under black and red mixture tweed. The coats are invariably three-quarter length, but when breitschwanz material forms a skirt over either white or black crepe satin reofer jacket lengths must be considered smarter.

CARVED TO BEAUTY

Amazing Slimming Operation

The craze for slimmness among women is raging as fiercely as ever.

How many women would care to undergo the surgical operation described by Dr. Dartigues, a prominent French surgeon, at the Paris Surgical Congress recently?

He claims to have perfected a "scientific slimming method which is safe, rapid and simple."

To demonstrate his method he exhibited a young dancer with a graceful figure which he claims to have "carved with his scalpel from an original stout figure." The operation was performed with special instruments he has invented, one of which is a curved knife.

Nothing New

When Dr. S. Henning Beltrage was asked by the "Daily Mirror" his opinion on such operations to achieve a fashionable sylph-like figure this is what he said:

"If women like to spend their money in that way, well let them get on with it."

At Elizabeth Arden's, the beauty specialist, it was stated:—

"We are absolutely opposed to anything surgical. Surely such an operation would be bound to leave unsightly scars which could never be eradicated."

Gwendoline Lethbridge, who has studied beauty culture in London, Paris and in Egypt, thought that such an operation would be too drastic even for the most determined seeker after slimmness.

"I should imagine that the fat cells of anyone who is inclined to put on flesh would form again under the skin as soon as it stretches. Most people realise that the good results of the 'face lifting' surgical operation only last three years at most."

"After all, only experiments over a number of years could convince women that the 'cure' was permanent. Most of them would think twice before submitting to such a horrible ordeal as being carved with a scalpel."

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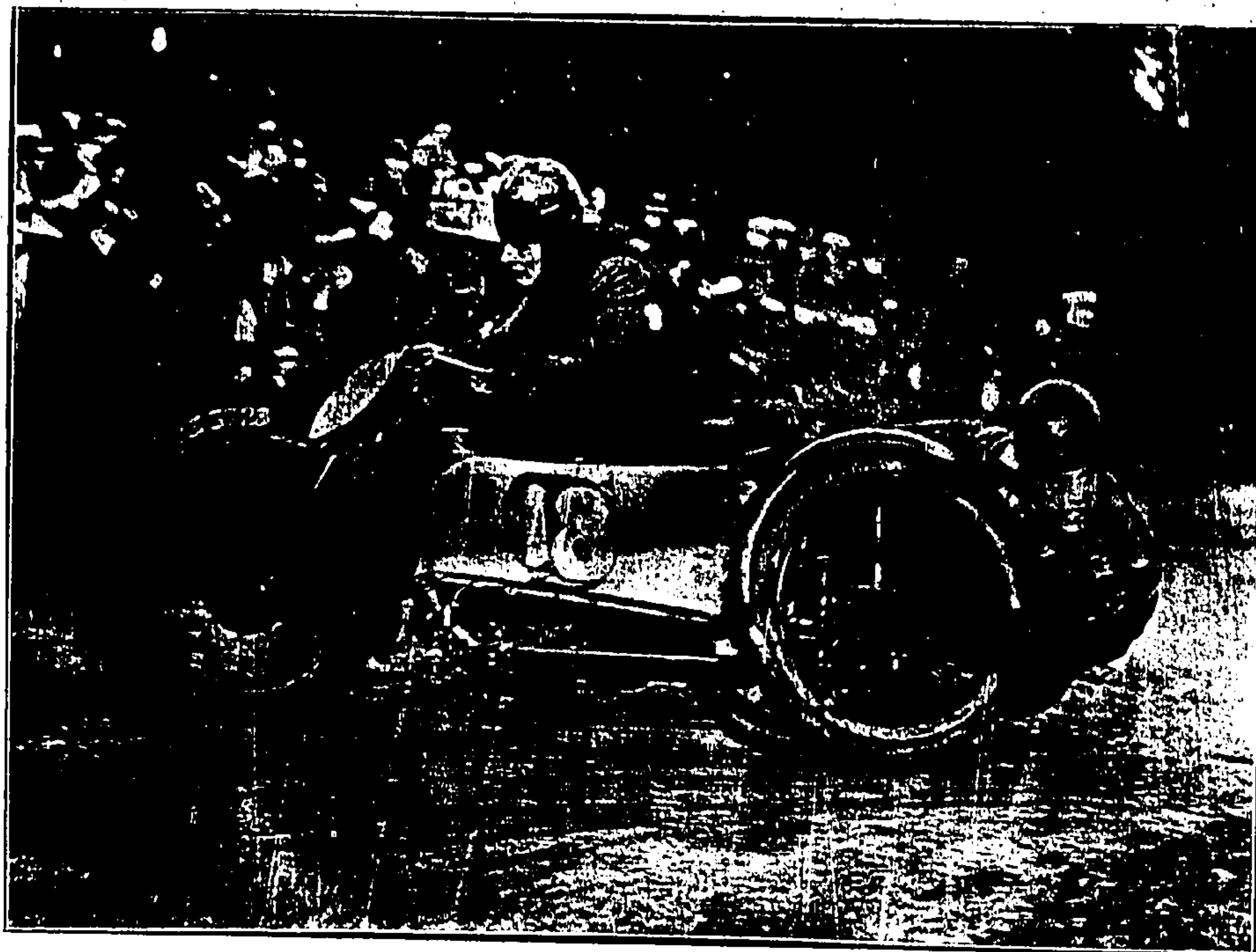
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FORWARD TALENT IN TRAINING.—The three famous forwards who are believed to have cost the Arsenal Football Club about £25,000 in transfer fees, have been in training at the Arsenal headquarters at Highbury, London, in anticipation of strenuous "battles." Here are the three £25,000 inside forwards:—David Jack, David Halliday (recently transferred for a record figure from Sunderland) and Alec James. — (Sport and General).



A POPULAR SPORT AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The Crystal Palace Motor Cycle Racing Club held their fifteenth race meeting at the Crystal Palace Track, London. Well-known riders took part in the events. This photo shows an awkward position for the passenger. L. T. Truett, Norton and side-car, the winner, is seen taking the Maze hairpin bend in the Richmond Cup race for motor-cycles and side-cars. Note the passenger's determined expression.—(Sport and General).



NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.—Sir William Waterlow, wearing his robes of office and riding in the State coach in the procession which delighted London's crowds (which are seen above) on his way to take up his new office last month.—(S. & G.)



"ALL DRESSED UP AND SOMEWHERE TO GO."—A delightful study at Mrs. W. Reynolds Sams' home at Egham, Surrey, where many prize cats are to be seen. "Tempest of Runnymede," a white kitten is shown in her Sunday best.—(Sport and General).



GIANT ITALIAN BOXER IN ENGLAND.—Prime Carnera, the "outsized" in aspirants for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, is shown sprinting in Regent's Park, London, during his training for a recent bout. — (Sport and General).



THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.—London's greatest pageant was notable for the record crowds that lined the streets and the royal features in the procession. One of the most picturesque shows in the world is that of the Lord Mayor of London when he takes up his duties for the year and last month was no exception. The leading features were tableaux depicting the progress of London's premier industry, printing, with which the new Lord Mayor, Sir William Waterlow, has had a life-long connection. Above is a general view of the Lord Mayor in his State coach passing the Royal Exchange.—(Sport and General).



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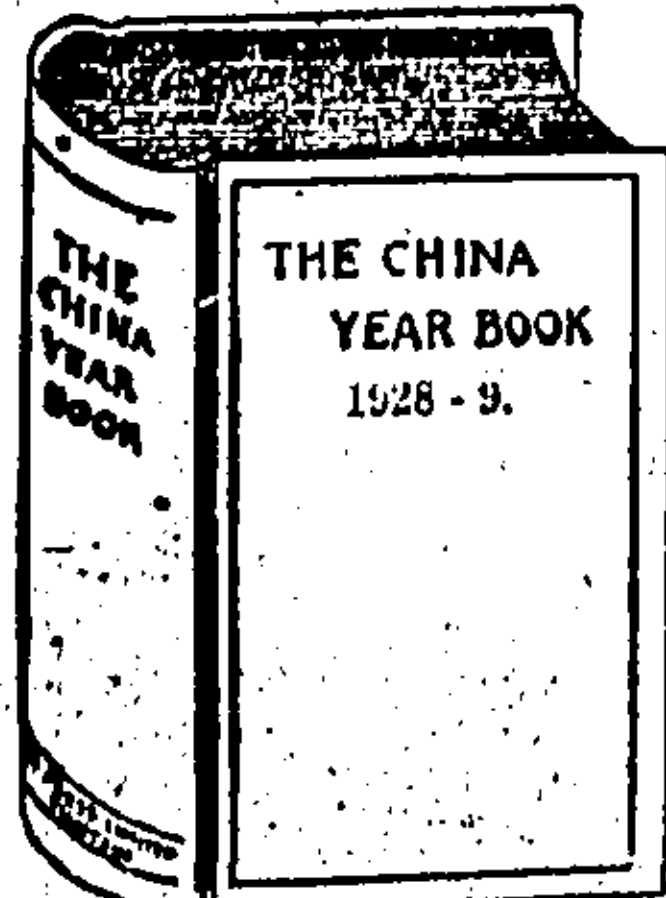
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ODD? I JUST
MAILED ONE
TO YOU AND
I WAS JUST
GOING TO
CALL YOU
WHEN THE
PHONE RANG.

AH-IT'S A
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WORLD-
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SUNSHINE
EVERYWHERE.

NOW LISTEN! IF YOU COME IN
LATE AGAIN YOU'RE FIRED.
I'LL DOCK YOU A DAY'S
PAY FOR BEING LATE
THIS MORNING.

BUDDY, BEFORE YOU
START THE DAY'S GRIND-
HERE'S A SUBPOENA.
YOU KIN TELL THE
COURT WHY YOU
HAVEN'T
PAID YOUR
TAILOR.

THERE IS AN OFFICER (J.T.)
SIDE TO SEE YOU. HE SAYS
YOUR CAR IS
PARKED IN
FRONT OF
A FIRE
PLUG.

YOUR LAND-LADY
PHONED SHE'S ON
HER WAY HERE
FER HER
RENT.

FINE
WORLD.

Bringing Up Father

BUT MOTHER-I
HAVE A DATE
WITH JACK AND
I CAN'T
BREAK
IT.

BAH! YOU'RE WORSE
THAN YOUR FATHER.
BARON GOOFUS IS
CALLING TO-DAY YOU
WOULD RATHER GO
OUT WITH A CAKE-
EATER THAN TO STAY
AND MEET A
MAN OF
RANK.

WELL-GO BUT
YOU CAN BET
YOUR FATHER
IS GOING TO
STAY IN AND
MEET HIM.

NOT WHILE
I GOT THIS
CHANCE TO
GIT AWAY.

WELL-I'LL RING
JUST ONCE
MORE AN' IF HE
DONT ANSWER
I'LL BE ON MY
WAY.

NOW HERE COMES THAT
LOW-GROW FRI ND OF
YOURS. WELL-HE'LL NOT
GET A CHANCE
TO SEE YOU-
LET HIM RING
THE BELL UN-
TIL HE GETS
TIRED.

I'M GLAD IT'S
THE BELL-I
THOUGHT IT
WUZ MY
HEAD THAT
WUZ RINGIN'.

DONT YOU DARE
ANSWER THAT
BELL! LET HIM
RING.

BUT MAGGIE-IT
MAY BE AN IM-
PORTANT
MESSAGE FER
ME.

COME BACK
HERE-YOU BIG
SEA-LION.

THIS HAS
GONE FAR
ENOUGH-IF
HE RINGS
THAT BELL
AGAIN-I'LL
BREAK HIS
HEAD.

AH-I HOPE I AM
NOT LATE-I MUST
MAKE A HIT WITH
THE JIGGS' FAMILY.
IT IS IMPERATIVE.

TAKE
THAT
YOU
LOAFER!

JIGGS-COME
HERE-QUICK!
I HIT THE
BARON BY
MISTAKE-
GET AN
AMBULANCE.

OH-WHY DOESN'T HE
PHONE AND TELL ME
HOW THE BARON IS?
I SHOULD HAVE
ASKED WHAT
HOSPITAL HE TOOK
HIM TO- I DO HOPE
IT IS NOT SERIOUS.

GEE-JIGGS-YOU'RE A
LUCKY-GUY-WE'VE
BEEN LOOKIN' FER
YOU FOR A LONG TIME-
YOU'LL CATCH THE FIVE-
THOUSAND DOLLAR
REWARD FOR
BRINGIN'
HIM IN.

AN JIGGS-
IS WINNIN'
CASH IN
THIS
GAME,
TOO?

I'LL PHONE
MAGGIE
WHEN I'M
GOOD AN'
READY.



ARE WE EDUCATED?

View That Our Progress Is Stagnating
TOO CONSERVATIVE

Little Research Work And Applied Psychology

U.S. CRAVING FOR CHANGE

"England's educational progress is stagnating, compared for instance with that of the Soviet Empire," declared Mr. A. J. R. Vethavanam in the course of a talk which he gave to a meeting of teachers at the Government Training College, Ceylon, recently.

Mr. Vethavanam observed that the present system of education in the West more or less reflected post-war experience. Realising the challenge to life at every point educationalists have endeavoured to carry forward changes calculated to prepare the people to a changing condition of things and if possible to avoid another catastrophe.

Reconstruction—social, educational and economical—was in progress.

A COMPLEX SYSTEM

The lecturer then proceeded to describe the part played in the administration of education in England by the Board of Education, with the Minister of Education, as its President, and the distribution of authority among other local and provincial bodies, in which the administrative officers were elected by the people, the relations between those authorities and the teachers being of the very best.

The dynamic force in English education lay in the State Elementary Schools.

Secondary education in England was based really on a selection on economic status and social status. While declining to comment on the Public Schools—not financed by the public notwithstanding the name—which were really private institutions of ancient origin, charging a very high scale of fees, the lecturer proceeded to quote Bernard Shaw denouncing the Public School products.

Academic Education

The lecturer went on to dwell on the importance of realising that in England—or for that matter anywhere else—it had been found on investigation that 75 per cent. of the school-going children were not fit for an academic education of the type which, for instance, they had in Ceylon. There were in England a type of modern schools intended for those mentally incapable of imbibing academic education. It was important he thought, that children who lacked a mental capacity for academic education should not have it, as much as that the State should see to it that those who were possessed of a mental capacity for academic education should be able to have it in full measure, whatever their condition in life was.

New Methods

In regard to new methods the aim now was to reduce the numerical proportion of classes with a view to attaining higher efficiency in results, and in this respect the individual method was having the failure and had enlisted popular support. This naturally kept out the declamatory type of teachers.

The system of education in England was more complex than anywhere else, offering nothing particularly striking to the visitor. England's educational progress was stagnating, compared for instance, with that of the Soviet Empire, which had started on a clean slate overhauling and reconstructing everything anew the reformation of school life in Vienna or the democratic changes in the school system in Hamburg. The United States of America knew the philosophy of education, which in England was non-existent.

Little Research

Practically very little research work in education was done in England, and there was comparatively little applied psychology. All these drawbacks were really due to certain English characteristics to begin with individualism and conservatism, with the result that changes dictated by modern thought were gradual and evolutionary, rather than revolutionary.

Dr. D. K. Piliat has been appointed a member of the Midwives Board in place of Dr. R. E. Tottenham, who has resigned.

The name of the New Territories Building & Agricultural Development Co., Ltd., has been struck off the register of companies.

The re-appointment of Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (from the Crown Solicitor's Department) to the Kowloon Magistracy is gazetted today.

Mr. W. G. Campbell, a Ceylonese, has been appointed an Assistant Superintendent of Prisons and Reformatory.

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GOVERNOR ON POSSIBILITIES
OF AVIATION

A gratifying attendance of young men was a feature of the inaugural meeting of the Hong Kong Flying Club, which was initiated by His Excellency the Governor at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Among those present were: The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Commodore R. A. S. Hill, H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Commander C. F. Hole, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Colonel L. G. Bird, Professor Middleton Smith, Captain K. V. B. Benfield, Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Lt. Commander W. B. Keith, Mr. A. W. Summers, and Mr. A. Ritchie. There were also about fifty prospective members of the Flying Club present, including two ladies.

His Excellency the Governor was accompanied by Captain F. G. Sillitoe, A.D.C. Addressing the meeting he said:—

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Gentlemen.—We are met here this afternoon, in order to constitute a Flying Club in Hong Kong. It is a great pleasure to me to preside over a meeting held for this purpose, and I am exceedingly glad that the Club is to be constituted before I leave Hong Kong. The objects of the Club are as follows:—

- To provide flying instruction;
- To create air-mindedness in this Colony;
- To make better known in the Far East British flying machines and British methods of flying;
- To provide the necessary training for the nucleus of a Volunteer Air Squadron;
- To provide another opportunity for social intercourse between all communities in this Colony without distinction of race or class.

Our Rightful Place

Hong Kong is already the greatest shipping-port in the Far East, and the Government and the people of this Colony are determined to leave nothing undone which may assist Hong Kong to take its rightful place as one of the best, if not the very best, of the air-ports in the Far East. The Hong Kong Government, with the full support and encouragement of His Majesty's Government, has now almost completed the construction of the Kai-tak aerodrome at the head of Kowloon bay. We are also about to erect, again with the assistance of His Majesty's Government, a suitable hangar in this aerodrome, capable of housing not only the flying machines of the Royal Air Force, but also those intended for commercial aviation and for the use of the Flying Club. Moreover, the Hong Kong Government attaches so much importance to the establishment of a Flying Club in the Colony that the Legislative Council has voted \$50,000 as an initial grant to the Club and has also undertaken to pay the Club an annual subsidy of \$30,000. These votes have received the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and we are met to-day to inaugurate the Club, so that it may be in a position to commence work early in next year.

Immense Possibilities

The Great War, and still more the years subsequent to the Great War, have demonstrated the immense possibilities of aviation, both military and commercial. Hitherto the Far East has in this respect lagged behind; but the opportunities here are infinite, and I am confident that from small beginnings we shall lay the foundations of very important aerial developments. We hope that in this matter we shall have the co-operation of China, who is our nearest neighbour, and not only of China, but of Japan, the Philippine Islands, Madag, Kwangchowwan, French Indo-China and Siam. I do not, of course, suggest that members of the Hong Kong Flying Club will at the outset wing their way all over the countries I have named; but the remarkable achievements of airmen and airwomen in Europe suggest that in the near future flights from Hong Kong may be made quite often along the whole west coast of the Pacific, and even further still.

The Air Safe

The possibilities for aviation in China appear to me to be limitless. For aviation has begun at a time when the Chinese Empire is being re-created, and the new Empire is being built up on a new basis. The Chinese people are now beginning to realise the importance of aviation, and the Chinese Government is now beginning to take steps to develop aviation in China.

at sea suggest that the air may be a safer medium of transport, than land or water. Moreover, the speed of aerial communication is astonishing. I can remember how, long ago, I made my way on foot and on horseback through most of the Eighteen Provinces of China. The various journeys occupied months—one of them almost a year. But now a flight from Hong Kong to Peking should easily be made in two days. A flight to Ch'eng-tu in Szechuan, or Lanchow-fu in Kansu should take no longer; and a flight to Hankow or Yunnan-fu might be made in a day.

Hong Kong to Britain
I have heard it said that the German Lufthansa contemplates a flying service from Berlin to Peking in five days. If from Hong Kong we can connect with such a service in two days, the journey to Britain would take little more than a week. (Applause). Such developments will completely revolutionise life in the Far East and will bring the mother country much closer to Hong Kong and, as I hope, thereby assist our people better to understand Hong Kong and to give Hong Kong a larger measure of their interest and support. The best way for us to assist in such developments is to create air-mindedness in this Colony, and the best way to create air-mindedness is to form a Flying Club.

The preparatory work for the formation of a Hong Kong Flying Club was largely done by Mr. Vaughan-Fowler, whose unbounded enthusiasm and wide experience as an airman has enabled us to present to you to-day an attractive scheme for its inauguration.

I have appointed the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to be the first Wing Commander and President of the Club, and I now invite him to explain to you in outline the proposed draft constitution of the Club. You will then be asked to approve of these proposals in principle and to appoint a committee to work out the necessary details. (Applause).

Club Organisation

The objects of the proposed club were outlined by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton who said that the details of the organisation would be worked out by the Committee. The objects of the Club, he said, were to teach the principles of flying, to offer the Government trained pilots and engineers in the event of an emergency, to gain aerial experience by the formation of a Flying Section, and to offer facilities for sport and social intercourse.

The club would be registered with limited liability on the lines of other clubs in the Colony and the membership would be irrespective of nationality, being subject only to the votes of the members of the committee. He went on to deal with the officers, and said the President and the Government Representative would be nominated by His Excellency the Governor. In addition there would be one Naval and one Military representative, and also one from the Royal Air Force. Other officers would be the Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain, together with six other members to be elected at each annual meeting.

He added that the entrance fee for flying members would be \$30 and that for subscribing members \$20. The former would pay a monthly subscription of \$5 and the latter \$3.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton then proposed that the Hong Kong Flying Club be formed, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler seconding. The motion was carried unanimously when put to the meeting by His Excellency the Governor.

The First Officers
Wing Commander.—The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
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Social Functions
To-day—Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, Second Annual Exhibition; open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission free.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

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Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Broadway Melody."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Fortune Hunter."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Terror."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Jesse James," and the Magicians.

To-day—At Theatre Royal, Boy Scouts Assn. Grand Coming-of-Age Concert and display, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Warwick Revue Company in "The Whirligig" at the Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mails
To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez ("Khiva"); Outward for Europe via Siberia ("Anyo Maru"), 6 p.m.

Sport

Dec. 22—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase races.

Meeting
Dec. 23—Sanitary Board meeting, 4 p.m.

Land Sale
Dec. 23—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous
Jan. 4-5—New Territories Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui (near Sheung Shui Railway Station), 3 p.m.

Dec. 23—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 and 49 metres:—
1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
7.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
9 p.m.—"In a Chinese Temple Garden" and "In a Persian Market" International Concert Orchestra.

Dance Music
9.30 p.m.—"Mississippi Suite" (A Tone Journey) Parts 1 and 2, Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

Dance Music
10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Naval Representative—Lt. Commander W. B. Keith, R.N.
Military Representative—Capt. K. V. B. Benfield, D.S.O., M.C. (G.S.O. III, China Command).
Royal Air Force—Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., R.A.F.
Government Representative—The Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired).

Honorary Secretary—Mr. A. W. Summers.
Honorary Treasurer—Mr. A. Ritchie.

Club Captain—Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.
General Committee—Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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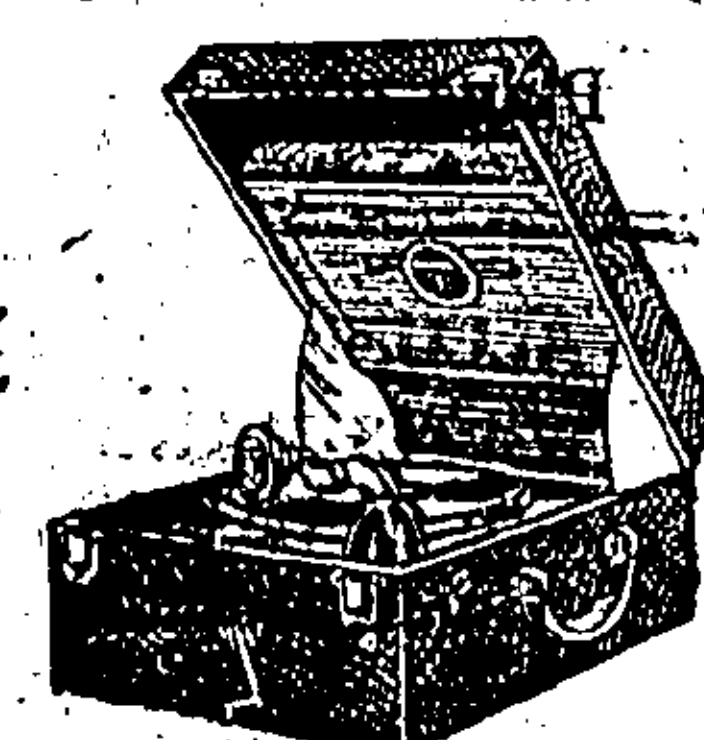
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"SULTAN"ENGINEER'S YARN: MILLIONAIRE
TOWKAY'S GRATITUDE

SWEEPSTAKE WINNER

How a man was led to believe that an ex-gardener was a former Sultan of one of the Java states, and entered into business on that understanding with disastrous results, was told by Henry Charles Hogan during his public examination in the Singapore Bankruptcy Court last month before the Chief Justice (Sir William Murlison). The examination was conducted by Mr. T. B. Cocker, the Assistant Official Assignee.

Examinee said he started out in life as an engineer, and eventually obtained the post of superintendent of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Ltd.'s installation at Pasir Panjang. He was then receiving \$400 per month. He joined the A.P.C. in 1913, and left them in January, 1928. When he left he received his portion of the Provident Fund which amounted to \$7,199. He left at his own request.

The reason why he left that good position was that he met a man called Radin Soeroto. He went to the man's house to act as an interpreter for his sister. Soeroto was acting as a doctor, and was supposed to be able to cure certain ailments. When at Soeroto's house he saw a picture on the wall that looked like Soeroto dressed in Malay regalia. Examinee asked about the picture and Soeroto said it was taken 20 years previously, when he was Sultan of Djokya in Java. Examinee was impressed, and eventually a scheme was formulated by which the two of them would go into business. The idea of the business was to use Soeroto's name on account of his position and alleged influence to obtain products from Java for the Javanese living in Singapore. Examinee put the money he obtained from the A.P.C. Provident Fund into the business, but Soeroto did not put any money in at the time. He was to receive a half share of the profits of the business on account of the firm using his name and influence. There was no definite partnership agreement.

Examinee subsequently found out that Soeroto used to be a gardener at a house at Tanjong Katong and at Sea View Hotel, and that the subject of the picture was "one of the Rho or Slat Sultans."

Sweepstake Windfall
Soeroto eventually won \$23,100 in a sweep at the races, that being second prize. He paid the buyer of his ticket ten per cent. And the remainder he put into the firm, a sum of about \$20,880. The following day he drew \$4,000 to pay off some debts, and afterwards, on subsequent dates, he drew \$10,110.

Mr. Cocker, however, who examined him, said that Soeroto had been seen at a house at Tanjong Katong and at Sea View Hotel, and that the subject of the picture was "one of the Rho or Slat Sultans."

Examinee said he had only \$10,110 at the time, and that he had been told by Soeroto that he had won the sweepstake prize.

lot better. (Laughter).

He said on one occasion a towkay gave him a very large fee. "Is that true?"—Oh! I remember something about that. "It was the American millionaire towkay, Tai Quai. He came down to Singapore from Malacca suffering from dysentery, which he had for a long time. Someone took him to Soeroto, and we cured him."

Motor-Car from Towkay
Soeroto said he received \$10,000 for that?—Well he did not. He received a motor-car for which I was mainly instrumental. We got some medicine—I bought it from the dispensary. It was some German pills. That was given to the towkay and it cured him. There was no mention of fee.

I suppose you passed the stuff off as Soeroto's own medicine?—I don't know. At least I did not. I don't know what Soeroto did. Then the towkay gave him the car, after I had suggested it. Soeroto tried to cure the towkay of opium smoking but he was not successful. I don't know anything about a fee of \$10,000 except that I know Soeroto borrowed money off the towkay from time to time, but I think that was only a few hundred dollars.

The firm closed up through Soeroto, the bankrupt went on to say. He wanted some money for horse-racing but bankrupt refused to give it him out of the firm. "Examinee thought all Soeroto's \$11,000 odd was lost on horse-racing. After he refused Soeroto money examinee got a summons from A. Abubaker for the \$20,880 which Soeroto had put in the firm. The summons said the money belonged to Abubaker, and that he had lent it to the firm. That was the first he heard of a loan. He went to see Soeroto who promised to swear an affidavit that the money belonged to him. The next thing bankrupt heard was that Soeroto and Abubaker had sworn an affidavit to the effect that the money belonged to the latter. Merchants who came over from Java went to Soeroto and were told that bankrupt was a cheat and not a safe man to deal with. They would not then deal with the firm, which had to close up, as all its capital was in the merchants' hands.

Mr. Cocker. How was that?—Because they owed us money.

Transport Contracts
In March this year examinee started a business in partnership with S. M. Maricar, called the Oriental Transport Company. They had no capital because it was a business that required no capital. They obtained contracts and employed coolies whom they paid out of their own pocket. They then took the transport contract. They closed up the partnership because verbally promised contracts did not materialise. They only made a few dollars profit.

The firm of Soeroto and Hogan was managed by Miss H. M. May for building a number of houses at Siglap. Miss May was a friend of Soeroto's and Hogan's. Hogan and Co. had obtained the contract to build the houses.

Examinee said he had only \$10,110 at the time, and that he had been told by Soeroto that he had won the sweepstake prize.

CHINA'S AVIATION
CONTRACTSAGITATION AGAINST CONTRACT
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LOSS OF RIGHTS

Agitation is going on in Chinese circles over the agreement entered into between Mr. Sun Fo, former president of the National Aviation Corporation, and Aviation Exploration, Inc., an American company, because this document is said to be unfavourable to China and to have caused a loss of China's sovereign rights. A demand is being made by the Chinese Postal Employees Union, the Chinese Aviation Association and the various branches of the Kuomintang for its cancellation.

The writers point out that only a small amount of mail matter is carried by aeroplanes and there are practically no passengers or cargo. Should the agreement be carried out, China will incur a loss of something like \$40,000,000. The postal employees threaten not to deliver only mails carried by the Corporation's aeroplanes if the agreement is not cancelled.

Although Mr. Wang Pei-chun, Minister of Communications, has been asked not to assume the presidency of the Corporation until the agreement is cancelled he took over office in Nanking, succeeding Mr. Sun Fo. His first act was to place the administration of the Corporation in the hands of Gen. K. I. Nieh and Messrs. Chien Chung-chih and Liu Nai-yu, says the Chinese press.

In this connection, it is of interest to note that the work of laying out emergency flying fields at Changchow and Soochow has been completed and a third field is being laid out at Chingtang-hsien.

Schemes are now being drawn up to extend the service to Chengtu, concludes the vernacular press.

THE FIRST MAN

V.C.'s Honour Dead
Comrade

The largest and most impressive funeral in Leeds for many years took place in mail week when, with full military ceremonial, ex-Sergeant-Major John Crawshaw Raynes, V.C., was laid to rest in Harehills Cemetery. There were many moving tributes to the first Leeds man to win the V.C. in the Great War. A cushion of Flanders poppies from two of his friends bore the simple words, "Good night." The coffin was accompanied by eight Leeds V.C.'s—Capt. G. Sanders, Lieut. W. Edwards, Sergt. F. McNeas, Sergt. Hull, Sergt. Mountain, Lieut. F. W. Dobson, Pte. A. Poulter, and Pte. W. B. Butler. It was borne on a gun-carriage furnished by the 71st Field Brigade R.A. (Leeds), which also furnished the escort and trumpeters.

Capt. W. E. Gage, chairman of the Leeds Old Contemptibles, who followed the gun-carriage, carried a cushion on which were placed Sergeant-Major Raynes's V.C. and other war decorations. The principal mourners were the widow, Mrs. Mabel Raynes, who was accompanied by two sons, Kenneth and Thomas Raynes. Among the floral tributes were a wreath of Flanders poppies and a V.C. in evergreens, which Lieut. Edwards had brought from the House of Lords. It was intended as a souvenir and bore the following message: "In affectionate memory from brother V.C.'s in Leeds, who sorely missed their comrade at the Prince of Wales's dinner, whence this emblem was brought for him."

Crowds lined the streets from the dead V.C.'s house to St. Clement's Church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Shuttleworth, and thence to the cemetery.

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& The Dumb Speak

Los Angeles.—The deaf can now speak with the aid of modern science. Sergius P. Grace, electrical engineer and for 20 years, associated with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, demonstrated an electrical larynx which enables mutes to talk by forming words with lips. He showed that sensitive fingers can replace ears through his new device. Through a man-made larynx, a mechanical voice is produced, and the sound is carried through a tube to the mouth, where it is blown out. The device is simple and can be used by anyone. It is a great help to the deaf and dumb.

A FIND OF TANGUT
CLASSICSRARE COLLECTION OF SUTRAS
BY NATIONAL LIBRARY

A LOST TONGUE

Peking, Dec. 6. Buddhist scholars here are much interested in the purchase by the National Library of a large collection of sutras in the Tangut language, and some important Buddhist paintings recently discovered in the vicinity of Ninghsia in northern Kansu.

The writings and paintings are said to date from the period when the Tangut played an important part in China's history, more than 1,000 years ago.

The librarian of the National Library declares that the Tangut language was not decipherable for several centuries, until European scholars made discoveries in Kansu at the beginning of the present century which restored the use of the lost tongue.

Mystery Unravelling
Tangut resembles Chinese, but is so different that Chinese scholars could make nothing of it until Russian savants unravelled its mysteries about 20 years ago.

The National Library's purchase includes 100 volumes, believed to be part of the Tripitaka, some printed during the Yuan dynasty and others from the Sung dynasty.

It is regarded as probable that the purchase will attract many Buddhist scholars of various countries to Peking, as a study of the volumes may throw much additional light upon Chinese Buddhism during this remote period.—United Press.

SHANGHAI COURT

Nanking, Yesterday. The 10th meeting of the Shanghai Court of Reorganisation assembled this afternoon at three o'clock. The foreign delegates have not yet received instructions from their diplomatic representatives, regarding important questions. The discussion was confined to secondary questions. The eleventh meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, the 23rd.—Canton News Agency.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/7 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/7 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	102 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	109 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	40%
On New York—	
On demand	42
Credits, 60 days' sight	
On Bombay—	
Wire	110%
On demand	110%
On Calcutta—	
Wire	110%
On demand	110%
On Singapore—	
On demand	71
On Manila—	
On demand	30%
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75%
30 day's sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	82
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	
Sovereigns. (Bank's buying rate)	11.29
Silver (per oz.)	22 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3% prem.
Copper, Cash	Nominal
Copper, Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	12%
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2% dls.
Hong Kong Sp. Coin	7 1/2% prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday	
Paris	123.89
New York	4.88 7/8
Brussels	34.885
Geneva	28.095
Amsterdam	12.104
Milan	96.25
Berlin	10.385
Stockholm	12.065
Copenhagen	12.185
Oslo	12.20
Vienna	12.20
Frankfurt	12.20
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YAUMATI SCHOOL AT PLAY

SPORTS GATHERING A SUCCESS

WANCHAI'S FINE WIN

The thirteenth annual sports of the Yaumati Government School were held yesterday afternoon on their ground at King's Park, brilliant weather attending the function.

There was a very big crowd on the ground, including Mr. A. O. Brown, of the Education Department, Mr. C. Mycock (head master of the school) Mrs. G. P. de Martin and the teachers.

Great enthusiasm was displayed on the part of the scholars, and good sport was an outstanding feature.

The Wanchai Government School did very well indeed in winning the Open Relay Event, after being led by the runners of the Queen's College.

The Masters' race provided excitement for the boys who lustily cheered the "bravest" ones, Mr. Ho providing the fastest.

Prior to asking Mrs. de Martin to present the prizes, Mr. J. Mycock in a short speech thanked all those who had made the meeting the successful one it was. The success lay behind their hard working secretaries, Mr. Ho and Mr. Sung.

The sports were very fine, and he concluded by welcoming Mrs. de Martin who then presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up.

Three cheers for the headmaster, Mr. Brown, Mrs. de Martin, and the guests brought the afternoon to a close.

The Results

Event 1 100 yards Senior:—1, Tsui Kwok-ching; 2, Tse Chi-kan; 3, Tang Chuk-wan.

Event 2 100 yards Junior:—1, Ng Yuk-ki; 2, Tang Nui-wai; 3, Chung Yee-pui.

Event 3 100 yards small boys:—1, Wong Kam-hi; 2, Wong Ma-chi; 3, Chan New-wan.

Event 4 High Jump Senior:—1, Tse Chi-kan; 2, Man Hek-chai; 3, Tang Chuk-wa.

Event 5 High Jump Junior:—1, Ng Yuk-ki; 2, Li Shui-lun; 3, Tang Wai-wa.

Event 6 Flat Race small boys:—1, Wong Man-chi; 2, Chan New-wan; 3, Wong Kam-hi.

Event 7 Long Jump Senior:—1, Tsui Kwok-ching; 2, Tang Chuk-wa; 3, Yan Hoi-wing.

Event 8 Long Jump Junior:—1, Ng Yuk-ki; 2, Chung Yee-pui; 3, Tang Yui-wa.

Event 9 Egg and Spoon Race:—1, Wong Man-chi; 2, Chan New-wan; 3, Wong Wai-sun.

Event 10 Three-legged Race (Open):—1, Tse Chi-kan and Chan Kam-wing; 2, Ju Kan-yu and Wong Kan-chau; 3, Yuen Wa-chow and Pun Shai-kit.

Event 11 300 yards Senior:—1, Tsui Kwok-ching; 2, Tse Chi-kan; 3, Chan Kam-wing.

Event 12 300 yards Junior:—1, Ng Yuk-ki; 2, Chan Yu-wan; 3, Pun Shai-kit.

Event 13 200 yards small boys:—1, Wong Man-chi; 2, Wong Kam-hi; 3, Chung Ss-kung.

Event 14 Sack Race (Open):—1, Au Kwong-wai; 2, Chui Kam-sing; 3, Yuen Wa-chow.

Event 15 Half Mile Open:—1, Chan Kam-wing; 2, Tse Chi-kan; 3, Ko Shu-hung.

Event 16 Consolation Race:—1, Wong Kwok-wai; 2, Tse Nai-pui; 3, Leung Ting-sam.

Event 17 400 yards Past Pupils:—1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Lo Kwong-to.

Event 18 Class Team Race Senior:—1, Class 4A.

Event 19 Class Team Race Junior:—1, Class 7A.

Event 20 Open Government School Race:—1, Wanchai Government School.

Event 21 Master's Race:—Mr. Ho Yan-tak; 2, Cheung Leung-wing; 3, Mr. Sung On-wing.

Event 22 Tug-of-war:—1, Classes 4 and 7.

School Championship:—Senior, Tsui Kwok-ching; Junior, Ng Yuk-ki.

BOXING BAN LIFTED

New York Commission Pardons Von Porat

New York, Yesterday. New York State Athletic Commission has lifted the suspension on Von Porat and has sanctioned a bout between Von Porat and Uzdunin in Madison Square Garden on January 1.

[New York State Commission suspended Von Porat indefinitely for fouling Scott on December 9 and has adopted a rule that in future boxers committing fouls shall only be paid. According to the number of rounds fought before the foul is committed. The Commission have undoubtedly been influenced by the two European flases and by Carnera and Stripping British boxing followers are also urging strong action in Great Britain.]



Herr Eldacher, of Frankfurt, Germany, to whom goes the title of the fastest human in the international Track Meet held in Japan. Eldacher ran one hundred metres in ten and three-tenths seconds.

REGATTA AT CANTON

The regatta of the West River Gunboat Flotilla was held at Canton yesterday and resulted as follows:—

	Points
H.M.S. "Moorhen"	35
"Moth"	30
"Tarantula"	23
"Cicala"	21

"Moth" won the officers' race. H.M.S. "Seamew" did not participate.

FOOTBALL Games Scheduled For The Holidays

During the Christmas holidays, the semi-finals in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition will be played. Kick-off on the H.K.F.C. ground each day at 3.30 p.m. Christmas Day, Chinese v. Portugal.

Boxing Day, England v. Scotland. The following have been selected to represent Scotland against England on Boxing Day:—

G. Rodger (Club); McGregor (Navy) and Martin (K.O.S.B.); Gardner (K.O.S.B.); Davey (K.O.S.B.) and Gear (K.O.S.B.); Alexander (Club); Gilchrist (Club); McKelvie (Kowloon); McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.) and Dr. Valentine (Police).

Reserves:—Fraser (Police), Craig (K.O.S.B.), Toal (K.O.S.B.), Torrie (K.O.S.B.) and Cook (K.O.S.B.).

RUGBY

Navy Trial Match On Monday

The Navy are having a trial match on the Club ground on Monday afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Two very good sides are to turn out, and the Whites' pack will consist entirely of the "Cornwall" forwards.

Teams have been chosen as follows:—
Colours:—Fl. Lt. Colquhoun ("Hermes"); Lieut. Smallwood, Massey ("Hermes"); Mr. Buckley, Mackay ("Cornwall"); Sawyer, Davis ("Cornwall"); Paden ("Petersfield"); Lt. Cdr. Farrant, Hammond ("Hermes"); Pay Lt. Bailey, Lt. Cdr. Andrew ("Kent"); Brough ("Troquois"); Shute ("Seraph"); Mr. Stannard ("Cornwall").

Whites:—Webb ("Cornwall"); F. Offr. Webb ("Hermes"); Lt. Cdr. Surtees ("Petersfield"); Boylan ("Cornwall"); Lt. Woods ("Troquois"); Lt. Fenton ("Hermes"); Curtis ("Kent"); Lt. MacLean, Lt. Archdale, Mr. Griffiths, Lord, Morgan, Reach, Knott, Smith ("Cornwall").

Reserves, if necessary, will be drawn from:—Lt. Stephenson, Pay Lt. Whitehouse, Sub-Lt. Tompkinson, ("Kent"), Mcnecock ("Hermes"), Rowles and Deacon ("Marazion").
Lt. Cdr. Farrant and Lt. MacLean will skipper the respective sides.

HOCKEY MATCH

Hong Kong v. Club de Recreo

The Hong Kong Hockey Club drew with the Club de Recreo yesterday in King's Park. Both teams were in splendid form, and neither side could score more than a goal each.

Next Week's Games
The following will represent the first eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their match with the Navy on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.45 p.m. next Friday.—C. E. Moore W. Woodward, J. E. Henry, J. Rodger, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, T. J. Price, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, E. J. R. Mitchell and D. M. McDougall.

The second team, to meet the "Tamar" on the R.N.A.S.C. at 4.45 p.m. on Monday, will consist of W. Borrowman, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson (captain), L. A. R. Duncan, R. W. Skipp, A. R. Botelho, Major Kerich, O. Butler, L. G. Frost, D. M. McDougall and E. C. Fincher, Referee.—N. Evans.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT

As returns will have to be made to the Imports and Exports Department as from the new year—so that the statistical department may be revived in order to produce trade reports, etc. (which were suspended in 1925)—new proposed regulations have been published in the "Gazette" to-day.

MOTOR BUS LICENCES

As from January 1, 1930, new licence fees will be charged on motor omnibuses and charabancs of class 2 (which must be fitted with pneumatic tyres) as follows:—

Not exceeding 40 cwt. in weight, unladen, \$120 together with a further \$10 for each seat for passengers.
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The King's exequatur empowering Mr. J. T. Bagram to act as honorary Consul-General for Siam, in Hong Kong, has received His Majesty's signature.

UNION CHURCH SUBSCRIBERS

ANNUAL MEETING IN KOWLOON

AN AMBITION REALISED

The annual meeting of subscribers of the Union Church, Kowloon, was held last night: the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presiding, and was supported by Mr. D. Gow (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. D. F. Warren (Hon. Treasurer).

Two resolutions, modifications of old resolutions were adopted. They were:—

(1) That the system of contributions to the Church Funds by Envelopes be re-established, but Annual or Semi-Annual subscriptions of any amounts be accepted from those who prefer, thus to support the Church; and (2) That the Membership of Union Church, Kowloon, consists of those who as at November 30, 1928, were Annual Subscribers while continuing in active connection with the Church and those who have signed a Church Roll containing the confession of Faith. Future applicants for Membership will be required to sign a Church Roll.

The reports of the various branch societies operated in connection with the Church were then presented.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said that it had been his great ambition to see established in Kowloon a living Church, imbued with the will to live and grow, and endowed with the power to organise its own life and growth.

In Hong Kong where the whole atmosphere was so fatal to spiritual life, a strong and enthusiastic Church had been formed on the purest principles of Christian discipleship so entirely free from any denominational colour that no one worthy of the name of Christian need hesitate to become enrolled, and they already had in their ranks members of every Protestant denomination. Thus while so many were talking of union and striving after union, they had quietly achieved a union so complete that the wide diversity of denominational upbringing among their members, so far from causing any difficulty, served only to stimulate and enrich their common life.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. G. ; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. Frank Short; Envelope Secretary, Mr. J. Revie; Envelope Stewards, Messrs. J. O. Provan and T. Ingram; General committee, Messrs. Harvey, Lang, Nelson, Forsyth, Craig and Scott, and Messrs. E. C. Tregillus, A. H. Gardner, A. W. Ingram, T. F. Bradford, D. McKenzie, Othen, J. Revie and Read.

Possible Income

Extracts from the annual report presented at the meeting showed that it was found that the anticipated or "possible" income was \$1,64.90 for the period under review. The amount actually received was \$1,254.550. Individually and collectively those who had promised to support the Envelope System had done so faithfully and well.

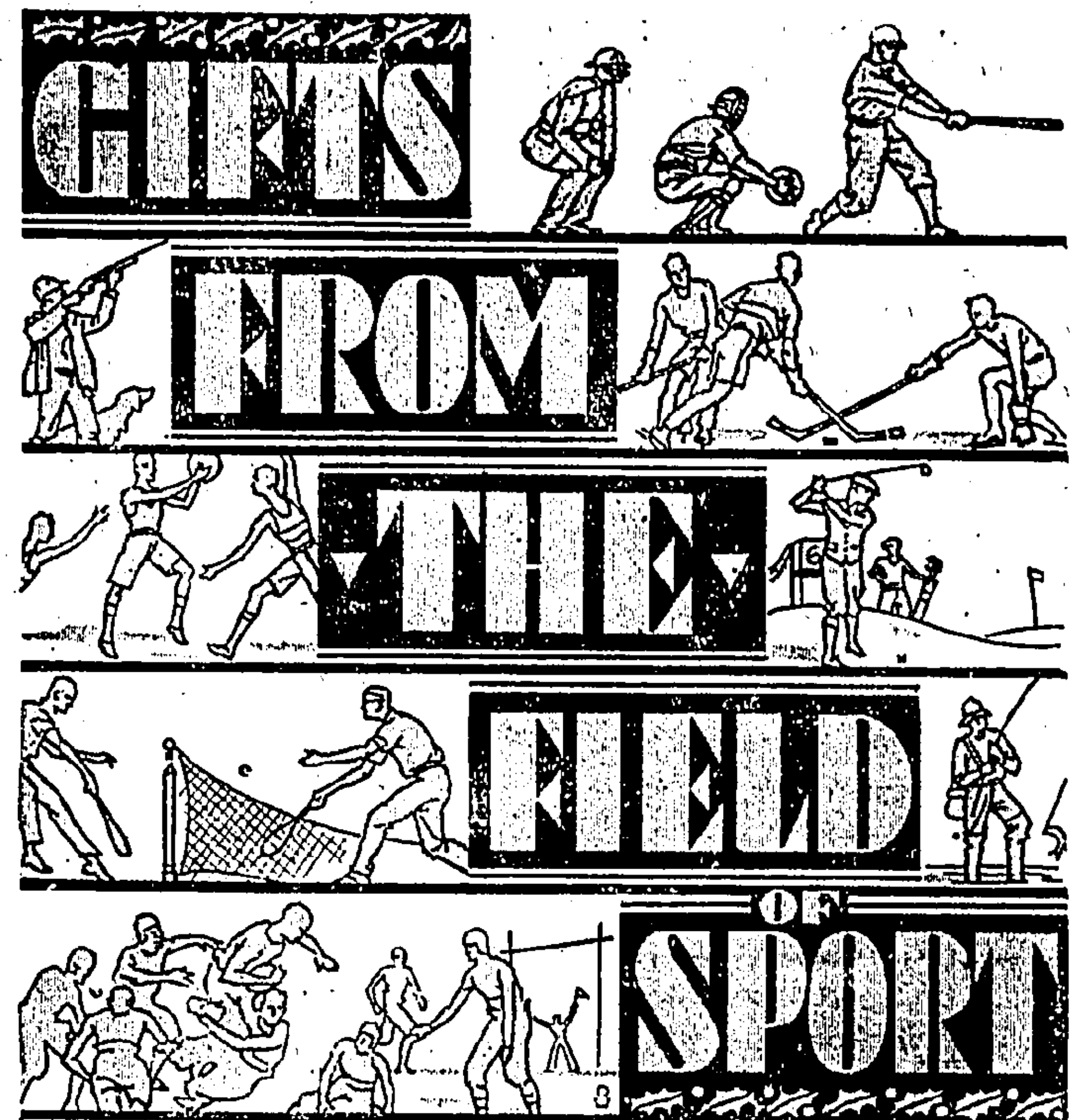
Mr. Warren submitted a comparison of the relative financial positions in 1923 and 1929.

An event of great interest and importance in the history of the Church is the resolution passed at a special meeting of the congregation held in the Church on June 12 last, to build a new Church and Manse.

The meeting was well attended by members and supporters, who manifested their interest and sympathy in the project by unanimously approving the plans and general outline of the scheme and a sum of no less than \$2,741 was guaranteed there and then towards a building and furnishing fund. Since



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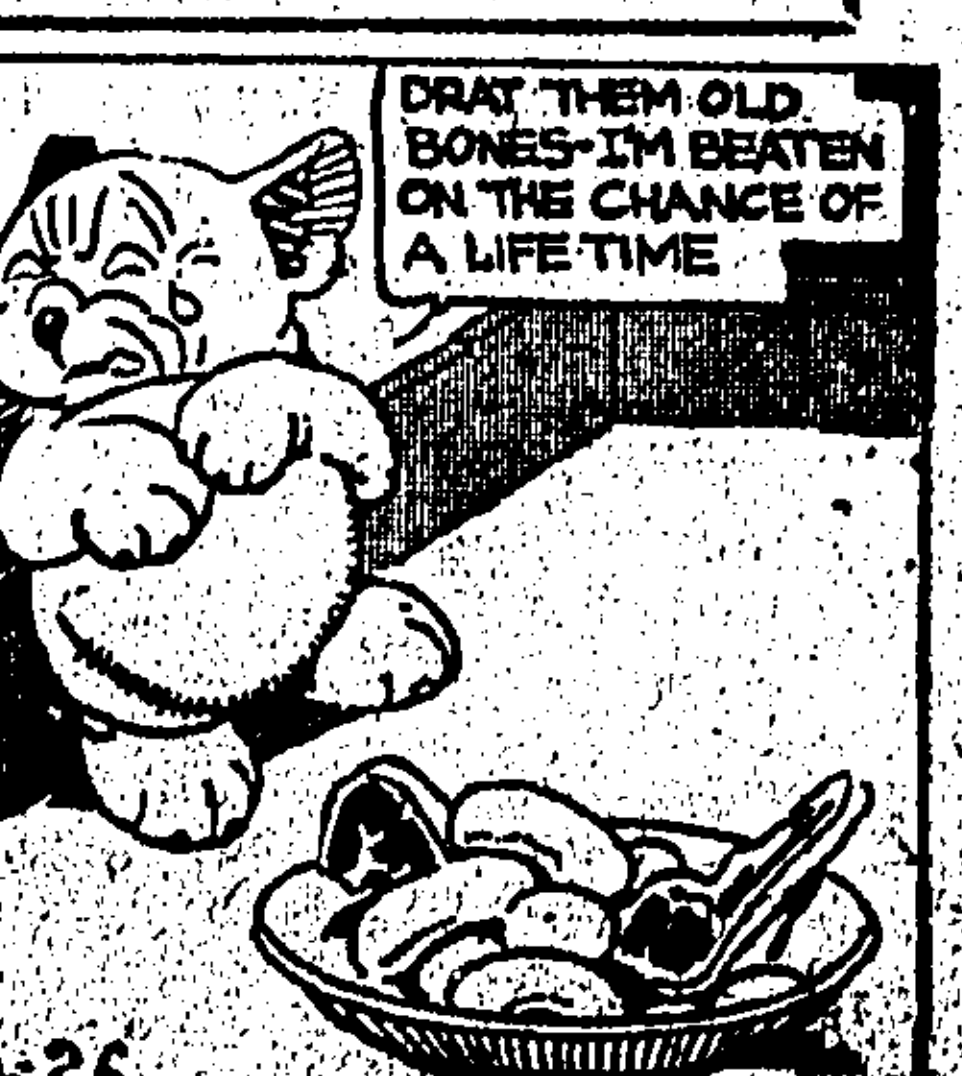
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COLONY'S FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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Lady Clementi, M.B.E., the wife of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), was visibly moved when speaking at the Tsan Yuk Hospital, Western Street, Sai-yingpun, in the course of which she referred to the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, M.B.E., as a Florence Nightingale among the Chinese of Hong Kong.

The staff and student nurses, past and present, of this native maternity home had presented a portrait of Dr. Hickling to the hospital. The portrait was formally unveiled before a distinguished gathering, Lady Clementi pulling a rope which removed the white flag draping the handsome frame.

Deep Sense of Gratitude

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., who is one of the Committee of the Chinese Public Dispensaries (under the auspices of which the Tsan Yuk is maintained), and is Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the western district, said:—

Lady Clementi, Ladies and Gentlemen,—On behalf of the staff and student nurses past and present of the Tsan Yuk Hospital I thank you, Lady Clementi, for your kindness in consenting to come here this afternoon and perform the function of unveiling the portrait of our friend the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, M.B.E.

This portrait, presented to the hospital by the staff and student nurses, is in memory of her and an expression of their deep sense of gratitude for what she had done for them and the Tsan Yuk Hospital.

As Medical Officer of Chinese Hospitals and Public Dispensaries, Dr. Hickling supervised the work of

the Tsan Yuk since its inception in the year 1923. She also took charge of the education and the training of student nurses as midwives.

It was at her suggestion that the Government sent our Matron, Miss Leung, to the Rotunda Hospital at Dublin for a course of training. In consequence of which, the teaching of midwifery in the Tsan Yuk is now based entirely on that of the Rotunda.

Through her energy and foresight Tsan Yuk has become what it is to-day—one of the best conducted hospitals in the Colony. During the year 1928 there were no less than 1,326 maternity cases admitted into the hospital. The statistics show a death rate of one in every 221 cases, or .45 per cent, which compared very favourably with those of Home hospitals.

Initiated Baby Clinic
Working as she did chiefly among the poorer classes of Chinese, her sympathetic and kindly disposition soon led her to discover what the poor needed. She initiated a baby clinic at the Tsan Yuk and subsequently introduced it to other Chinese hospitals. This interest in infant welfare on her part will have a very far reaching effect and a sure improvement in the health statistics of the Colony; as mothers who came with their babies were taught how to take care of them and, it is hoped, therefore, that by this means, infantile mortality in the Colony will be reduced.

Finding that many maternity cases required special treatment and that the Tsan Yuk, without a gynaecological ward and an operation theatre, could not do its work properly as a maternity hospital, she began in 1925 to set apart certain rooms for such a ward and an operation theatre. This innovation was much appreciated and many cases of diseases peculiar to women came to the hospital. During her furlough in 1927 she invited Professor Tottenham of the Hong Kong University to take charge of this department and the work has since then been carried on under the charge of the Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University Dr. C. Y. Wang, Professor of Pathology of the University, also assisted in the pathological work. Thus the Tsan Yuk Hospital, working in conjunction with the University obstetrical department, has become one of the best midwifery clinics in the Colony. All this is due to the foresight and far-seeing policy of Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling.

I know Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling from the time of her arrival in the Colony as lady-doctor to the Alice Memorial Hospital. I have always found her taking a deep and kindly interest in the affairs of the Chinese, whether she was acting Medical Officer of Health of the Sanitary Department, or a member of the Board of Education, or the Medical Officer of Chinese Hospitals.

Kind Friend Mourned
By her death the Government Medical Service lost one of its most able officers, the Colony, one of its most energetic, keen and public-spirited citizens, and the Chinese community a kind friend.

There is no better way of keeping her memory green, I consider, than to continue and extend the work she has begun; and, some day, I hope to see a new block of buildings added to the Tsan Yuk especially set apart for gynaecological cases as a permanent memorial to her.

I am sure every one of us here to-day will associate with me in expressing our deepest sympathy and condolence to her husband and relatives in their bereavement. I will now ask you, Lady Clementi, to kindly perform the function of unveiling the portrait of the late Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling.

Lady Clementi's Speech
After performing the ceremony, Lady Clementi addressed the gathering.

Lady Clementi said:—I expect many people here knew Dr. Hickling better than I did. Some of you had the privilege of being bound up with her in her work, which is the best way of knowing anyone. I only worshipped her from afar, but even the small knowledge I had of her I account a precious possession. Dr. Hickling was one of those rare characters who light up this poor world and reveal to us the divine in human nature.

The outline of her 25 years of devoted work for this Colony is well known. But the full tale of her misery is known only to the wondering angels. In these days of self-advertisement her modesty seems almost as marvellous as her work.

That we should have lost her at the height of her usefulness is a poignant tragedy; but, like Florence Nightingale, her greatest achievement lay in the manner in which she trained and inspired others, and through those she taught she still daily serves Hong Kong's poor and suffering.

In the Public Dispensaries of the Colony, in the Kwong Wah, the Tung Wah and the Wantai Hospitals, her living influence still moves among us to-day, and more especially in this Chan Yuk Hospital, which is her own special creation. How earnestly I hope Dr. Tso's, that your wish may be fulfilled, and that an

additional block of buildings may be added to the hospital in her name that the Colony may never, never forget her.

Who shall estimate what the force of her example has been to many who only met her casually, whose contact with her may even have been of the slightest? Can those of us who saw it ever forget the sight of her heroic soul, as she faced death so gallantly, working to the last, regardless of her own suffering, absorbed in her plans for plans for the welfare of her beloved poor?

She has passed beyond our sight, and we shall never look upon her like again.

An Appreciation
Dr. (Mrs.) A. L. J. Dovey, Assistant Visiting Medical Officer, Native Hospitals and Dispensaries, thanked Lady Clementi for the honour she had bestowed on the staff and student nurses of the Tsan Yuk in consenting to unveil Dr. Hickling's portrait. Dr. Dovey also extended an invitation to those present, who had not had the opportunity previously, to inspect the hospital.

Lady Clementi was accompanied by Mr. J. Barrow, Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Chairman, *ex officio*, Chinese Public Dispensaries), and Mrs. Hallifax; Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria); Mrs. Mrs. W. T. Southern; Mrs. H. T. Creasy; the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services) and Mrs. Wellington; the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow; Mrs. R. H. Kotewall; the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga; Mr. C. C. Hickling (the husband of the late Dr. Hickling); Mr. E. Ralphs; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. A. Moore; Dr. E. W. Kirk; Dr. E. P. Minett; Dr. D. K. Samy; Mr. E. R. Dovey; Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E.; Mr. Wong Kwong-tin; Mr. T. N. Chau; Mr. M. K. Lo; Mr. Lo Chung-kui; Mr. J. L. McPherson; Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.

SANITARY BOARD

Business for Fortnightly Meeting

The orders of the day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Monday at 4 p.m. include the following:

Minute by the President relative to the proposed appointment of Mr. M. K. Lo, to be a member of the Committee for the Colonial Cemetery.

Minute by the President relative to the publication of the coloured posters.

Minute by the President relative to the proposed amendment of the Cemeteries By-laws.

Memorandum by the President on the Shek Tong Tsui Market Stalls.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise And Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

December	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
21	6.53	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.01	5.46
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.02	5.48
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.49
31	7.03	5.49

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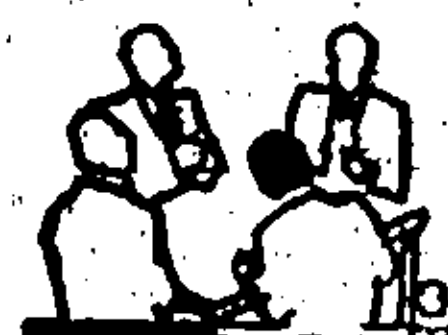
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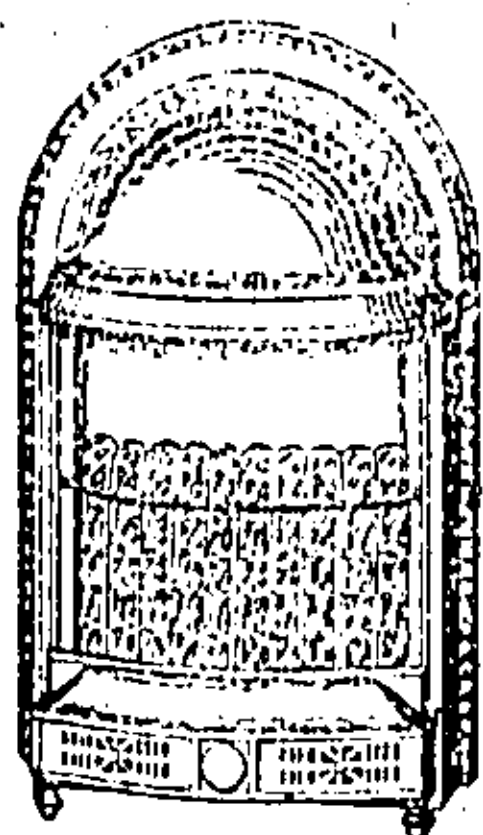
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Girl Guides' Grotto

The staffing of the camp hospital at the recent world jamboree held by the boy scouts at Arrowe Park, England, was perhaps the biggest job the Guides have undertaken. The hundred Cheshire Guides, who were in charge, arranged for four wards, and then wondered just what would happen. Actually there were would-be patients clamoring for admission before a single bandage was unpacked or a bed set up. Altogether 321 cases were admitted, while the outpatients' department dealt with 2,329 cases.

The hospital was equipped with an operating theatre and a dental clinic, and only 52 boys had to be sent to other hospitals. The in-patients suffered mostly from sore throats, chest troubles, fractured arms and legs, injured heads, &c. Over 250 patients attended the dental clinic.

Dates to Remember

WHAT HAPPENED IN NOVEMBER YEARS AGO

November 1. On this day in 1858 the rule of the East India Company was abolished and India was taken over as a dependency of Great Britain.

2. Marie Antoinette was born in 1755. The daughter of the Emperor Francis of Austria, she was married as a girl of fifteen to Louis the Sixteenth of France, and, like him, perished on the scaffold.

3. General Grant the victorious anti-slavery leader in the American Civil War, was elected President in 1868.

4. Felix Mendelssohn died at his home at Leipzig in 1847, after enriching the world with some of its noblest music.

5. The great plot of Guido Fawkes and his confederates to blow up the Houses of Parliament was discovered in 1605.

6. Abraham Lincoln, America's noblest son, and one of the world's greatest men, was elected President of the United States of America in 1860, when he was 51.

7. Columbus returned to Spain in 1492, from his last expedition to the New World which he had discovered.

8. John Milton, poor and blind, died 1674 at his London home in Bunhill Fields, aged 68.

9. Sixty-three days after leaving England, in 1620, the Mayflower pilgrims sighted land at Cape Cod, Newfoundland.

10. David Livingstone, who had quitted civilisation five years earlier, was found in the heart of Africa by Stanley in 1871.

11. At eleven o'clock on the morning of this day in 1918 the greatest war in the world's history came to an end.

12. Canute, a savage when fighting for the throne, but afterwards a great King of England, died in 1035, aged 41.

13. Edward the Third, to celebrate his fiftieth birthday in 1362, declared that English should be the legal language of England, and not French, which had been used since the Norman conquest.

14. James Bruce discovered in 1770 the source of the Blue Nile.

15. Queen Victoria's first Parliament met in 1837 on the anniversary of the meeting of the first of the regular Parliaments, which was held at Oxford in 1213.

16. Perkin Warbeck, who pretended to be one of the Princes murdered in the Tower of London, was beheaded there in 1499.

17. The Suez Canal was opened in 1869, and for the first time ships sailing between East and West no longer had to sail round Africa. The canal, 87 miles long, connects the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

18. The funeral of the Duke of Wellington took place at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1852. The carriage used in the procession is still preserved in the crypt.

19. Lord Tennyson, the greatest of modern English poets, was made Poet Laureate in 1850.

20. Thomas Chatterton, the marvellous boy poet, who died miserably in a garret in London, was born at Bristol in 1752.

21. Napoleon, by the Berlin decree of 1806, declared the whole British Isles under blockade, forbidding all foreign nations to trade with the English, hoping to starve the country into helplessness.

22. The Grand Remonstrance denouncing Charles the First was passed in 1641 by Parliament. It led to the great Civil War and the downfall of the king.

23. Richard Hakluyt died in 1616. He collected and wrote the priceless annals of early travels of British adventurers.

24. A great service was held in 1588 at St. Paul's to return thanks for the defeat of the Armada, with which Spain had hoped for ever to crush the power of England.

25. Stanislaus, the last King of Poland, gave up his crown in 1795, and Poland as a nation ceased to exist until the Great War restored its independence in 1918.

26. The first of the great English statesmen, William Pitt the Younger, was born in 1759. He was the only son of William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham, and was educated at Eton and at Cambridge.



TWENTY-ONE TO-DAY



READY TO SERVE KING AND COUNTRY.—We are training up to be loyal citizens so that we can help you. But now we want your help. Come to our Coming-of-Age Concert to-night, and give us something to help us to get our training Camp.



The "Old Scout's" Column.

Well Done! Boys and Girls

I was particularly pleased with the satisfactory report of your progress in various branches of scouting and guiding, as presented at the annual meeting of your Association by your Commissioner, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave. I am sorry that he will be leaving you soon, but it is only for a short space of time. He will no doubt return to you all with fresh ideas and experience gathered in the Old Country.

Your Association needs \$50,000 in order to provide a training camp for you. I am sure the money will be generously donated by your parents.

It is for a good cause and anyone who has the interest of the young people at heart cannot and should not tighten their purse strings. They must bear in mind that Scouting and Guiding are a mighty contribution towards the development of the new generation.

They will also have to remember that the Movement is one which entertains no class distinction. It is a class distinction. It is the Movement that trains up young girls and boys to be useful and loyal citizens. It is a Movement which has the support of every man and woman of good-will in this world. Fathers and mothers should realise what the Movement means to their offspring, and if they love

their children, they will not hesitate to contribute towards the fund which is so badly needed—not by the Association—but by their own children.

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Learning To Smile

GOOD MEDICINE TO BANISH BLUES

A guide smiles and sings under all difficulties. What a nice, happy rhythm that law has. It just seems to fit in with any work we are doing—but we must learn to say it in that sing-song, happy fashion before we can appreciate its full meaning and know how it can help us. Often we have to be taught a little lesson—in fact, life's just one big lesson—and if only we can learn to smile and sing through it all, why—life's not such a bad old thing, after all. But I must tell you how I learnt to smile and sing. It was a particularly bright, sunny afternoon not so long ago, and Gladys and I had decided to go for a hike and collect all kinds of leaves. Our patrol is doing "Nature" for the rally, and we do so want to do really well. We thought it would be a good idea to take our tea and make a jolly afternoon of it. But our carefully thought-out little plan received a severe setback during the morning. Mother said she was sorry, but I must stay at home and mind the twins and get the tea. I felt so savage I could almost have hurt the twins—though I knew, in my heart of hearts, that they were not to blame, poor little things—and mothers do need outings sometimes. I sat on the veranda, thinking all these things, and getting wilder and wilder every minute, because the people next door would insist on playing the same record over and over again. It seemed, after a while, like a lot of cats meowing—and, sure enough, there they were—dozens of them—grey ones, black ones, tabby ones, white ones—all sitting on top of a high brick wall, singing lustily—meow—meow—oww! Suddenly they stopped, and began to play instead. One fine, big tabby was thoroughly enjoying himself pushing all the little kittens off the wall—and the funny part of it was they didn't seem to mind at all. They scrambled back again, only to be the willing victims of master tabby's playfulness once more. Then suddenly, over he went, too! Half a dozen kittens had grouped together, and with a mighty heave, sent the old tabby tumbling to the ground. How I laughed—and then I went up. Now I can hear you laughing—and well you should. There's just nothing like a good laugh to banish the blues.

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The Cub's Corner

An amusing story about a Cub in Shanghai was told me by a friend, which I cannot resist the temptation to pass on. It is a perfectly true incident and I could tell you the name of the Cub concerned if I were not afraid that he might never forgive me.

The Cub, who, be it whispered, was very much under the official Cub age, had finished his bath, during the course of which he had apparently been playing boats, and on getting out of the bath put the boat on a shelf. A little later father decided he would have a bath and while in the midst of his ablutions he heard a knock at the door. On inquiry he discovered it was his small son, the Cub, "What do you want?" he asked. "Nothing," came the reply, "but I only wanted to tell you, father, that, if you want to, you can play with my boat."

What is Scouting?

VIEWS OF AN OLD SCOUT

"What is the essential quality for a scout?" asked Captain Wienholt, D.S.O., M.C., in the course of a lecture delivered at the Constitutional Club in Brisbane recently. Answering his own question, he said: "Anything but a nagging mate. If there is one thing I bar in a scout camp, it is a man who wants to talk." Several other answers had been submitted—health common sense, observation—but quietness was, in the lecturer's opinion, the supreme necessity, though he admitted the excellence of each of the others.

Early Scouting

Captain Wienholt proceeded to trace stories of scouting and of scoutcraft from the dawn of history. The Bible itself offered many, the most beautiful of all being found in Numbers—the story of the 12 scouts sent by Moses to spy out the Promised Land. Under their patrol leader "Oshen" (Joshua), the son of Nun, they formed an intelligence patrol to search for the Land of Canaan, with definite instructions as to what they should report on. Special questions regarding wood and fruit showed the forethought of Moses for the peoples under his command. They returned reporting "a land flowing with milk and honey," and bringing as a sample a bunch of grapes so large that it was carried slung on a pole between two men. A parallel story was included in the legends of the West African Mambokushu tribe, telling how their chief, fearing aggression, sent a party to search out fertile vacant land, and how they returned with three things: a handful of maboola (a nutritious fruit), a skin bag of good soil, and a large dried fish, showing that there was a big river. Thus heartened, the people left their homes and changed to their present district. Thus a scout was largely responsible for the morale of those to whom he was reporting. In military work, particularly, though giving accurate information to the leaders, he must always appear cheerful among the actual troops.

Efficiency and Deficiency

The lecturer told many stories of scouting efficiency and deficiency—the Second Punic war, with the defeat of Carthage after her early victories, because of the failure of four of Hasdrubal's scouts, who were, by their own error, captured by Rome; the defeat of the Italians at Adowa owing to poor scoutcraft; the frequent references to scouts in the Commentaries of Caesar. He spoke with enthusiasm of the scouting work done by the well-known hunter, the late F. C. Selous, who guided Rhodes' pioneer column up Mashonaland in 1891, through country bristling with Matabele warriors apollo for fight. Many practical hints for efficient bush and scout work were given by the lecturer, illustrated by anecdotes of life in Australia, South Africa, the scene of his many hunting expeditions, and other parts of the world. The ever-present necessity for quiet, for proper choice of camp site, and for camping tidily, whether for pleasure or on active service, were all emphasised. "Avoid roads, even though cross-country going may be harder," was one of his golden rules, both because of the danger in war time and because of the beauties that are missed in peace scouting. Captain Wienholt told many stories of the tracking prowess of natives, and its value on hunting expeditions and in bush work generally. Valuable hints were given, too, on food and the necessity sometimes for doing without it, and his advice was to try to be like the Ironside troopers, "patient of want."

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And that is why Hong Kong is the logical place whence to ascertain what one should know. Discussion in the Commons has been about the "Hatching" piracy (and the gallant defence of officers of the Mercantile Marine) and also about the necessity of protection for British exiles from possible danger during recurrence of the Chinese civil war.

You will be doing a little towards making everybody at Home aware of developments out here. It is known that recipients of news items have passed the same along to their respective M.P.'s, thereby furnishing the substance of questions to Ministers. Who knows but that your folks on getting hold of reliable information may communicate with the "Local" Member? And, by sending the matter, you may be the direct cause of some useful queries.

The logical paper to send, needless to say, is the "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly news-budget published in Hong Kong, printed in good time to catch the post. It will supply what is desired—and appreciated. Or give us the address and we will send it for you. We confidently predict a hearty welcome for it by all.

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Hong Kong,
December 20th, 1929.

Stock	Closing Quota- tions 4 p.m. Friday, 20th	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate paid up and reserves based on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1,320 b. & sa. \$123 nominal	+ \$5.00	6 1/2 %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$8,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,397,812	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 28 Int. div. of 23 at 1/11% = \$31.18 per share for 1929	Aug. 6, 1929.
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	\$18 1/2 nominal		5 1/2 %	\$3,000,000	600,000	\$25	\$25	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20/6d. free 1/4% Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.
Mercantile Bank of I. A. & B.	\$30 1/2 nominal \$15 1/2 nominal			\$1,800,000	60,000	\$25	\$12 1/2	\$1,450,000	\$162,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 16%, free 1/4% Interim of 8% a/c 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$95 buyers		8 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	120,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000	\$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of \$6 for 1928 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurance Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$695 sales			\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$230,000 \$1,041,235 \$1,621,770 \$2,381,661	\$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1927 Int. of \$18 for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	\$369 buyers			\$2,000,000	210,000	\$10	\$4	\$29,500 \$303,125 \$2,314,261 \$2,612,819 \$300,000 \$244,880 \$150,000	\$254,179	31.12.28	Final of 18/- for 1927. Interim of 24/- a/c 1928	May 24, 1929
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		7 %	\$2,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10					
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2.20 sellers	-\$0.10		\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$3	\$162,592 \$4,224	Dr. \$37,463	31.12.28	Dividend \$3 1/2 for 1928	June 28, 1929
Fire Insurance												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$310 buyers	+ \$5.00		\$2,000,000	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$759,763 \$1,000,000 \$759,875 \$1,089,690 \$2,452,412 \$1,092,153 \$200,000	\$907,311	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$315 nominal			\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$2,300,000 \$1,799,533 \$512,071 \$400,000	\$675,329	31.12.28	\$43 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$25 1/2 nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$136,433 \$190,074	NH	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1929
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/2 buyers		8 1/2 %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$1,543 \$363,381 \$438,861	\$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of \$1 for 1928	Feb. 19, 1929
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Preferred	\$46 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	120,000	\$5	\$5	\$135,000 \$200,215 \$50,688 \$384,877 \$265,378 \$127,917	\$15,118	31.12.28	Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/4% = \$5.94 a/c 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 80/- at ex. 2/4% = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c 1921	June 18, 1929 May 24, 1929
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$69 1/2 nominal		5 %	\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$160,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1 1/4 making \$3 1/4 for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$1 buyers			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25					
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	14,000	\$142.85	\$30	P. 244,000	nil	31.12.28	(In Liquidation) P. 3 a/c 1928	April 11, 1929
Oil and Mining												
Kailan Mining Administration	\$55/- nominal	- 2/6	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	250,000	\$8	\$1					
Matschappij tot, &c., Combined	Tls. 13.60 n.			Tls. 1,825,000	250,000	Glds. 10		Tls. 158,166	Cr. Tls. 45,998	31.10.28	Final of 2/- free 1/4% (Coupon No. 35) making 4/- for year ending 30.6.29	Dec. 10, 1929
Do. Langkat-Sing	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	600,000	Tls. 5		Tls. 550,000	Dr. Tls. 496,213	31.12.28	T. 75 cts. for 1926	April 5, 1929
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 1.30 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5			Dr. Tls. 16,091	31.12.28	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	Feb. 15, 1927
Do. Loan and Investment	Tls. 5 nominal			Tls. 200,000	200,000	Tls. 1				31.12.28	Div. for 1928/1929, 2/8d. Interim of 1/8d. a/c 1929/1930	Dec. 12, 1929
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$11.20 nominal	+ \$1.50	13 1/2 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$10,000	\$7,821	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Pending
Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	\$5/- nominal		5 1/2 %	\$43,000,000	110,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,354,165	\$237,604	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Pending
Docks, Wharves & Godowns	\$143 a. \$142 sa.	+ \$1.00	5 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.28	Div. \$5 and bonus \$2 making \$7 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
H'kong & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	\$32 1/2 buyers			\$10,000,000	200,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000	\$121,381	31.12.28	Final div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100 nominal	- T. 1.50	7 1/2 %	Tls. 2,785,000	55,700	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,350,000 \$50,000	Tls. 135,762	30.4.29	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/4 for the year ending 30.4.29	July 27, 1929
New Engineering & Ship'g Wks., Ltd.	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal Tls. 4.75 buyers	+ T. 0.50	5 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	500,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	Tls. 690,000 745,012 200,000	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928 Div. 8% on Preference shares	Mar. 15, 1929
Shai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100 nominal		5 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 698,983 120,416 450,000 75,000 675,000	Tls. 17,828	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c 1929	Sept. 12, 1929
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	\$11.40 buyers			\$10,000,000	1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,349	\$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$11.45 1/2 sales			\$6,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$250,000 \$50,000	\$985,978	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$4 Int. div. of \$2 for 1929	Aug. 2, 1929
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$54 b. \$54 1/2 a.		6 1/2 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$450,000 \$150,000 \$300,000	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 161 nominal		5 1/2 %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,634,010 \$50,000	Tls. 602,303	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c 1929	July 31, 1929
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$7.90 nominal	+ \$0.10	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,057	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 80 cents a/c 1929	Aug. 12, 1929
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	T 14.00 b T 15 sa Tls. 107 nominal	+ T. 0.25	4 %	Tls. 5,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	150,000 10,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 2,000,000 1,000,000 204,760 1,000,000	Tls. 4,950	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 0.60 Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c 1929	Aug. 23, 1929
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) T. 74 b. (New) Tls. 47 n.		6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	80,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,000,000 430,000 600,000 200,000 300,000 40,000	Tls. 228,825	31.10.29	Div. of Tls. 2 1/4 for Old, Tls. 1 1/4 for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 29 Jan., 1930	Nov. 25, 1929
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 9.10 nominal		6 1/2 %	Tls. 2,000,000	40,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 25	Tls. 400,000				
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$18 b. & sa.			\$3,000,000	720,000	\$5	\$5	\$119,418	\$54,262	30.6.29	Tl. 0.60 for year ending 30 June, 1929	Oct. 11, 1929
Do. (New)	\$17.10 nominal		3 %	\$400,000	80,000	\$5	\$5	\$685,603	\$69,040	30.9.29	Final 45 cts. for year ending 30.9.29 Div. for 1928, 50 cents Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old, 77 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Pending
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$5.40 buyers			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$50,000 \$200,000 \$110,000	\$25,286	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	April 27, 1925
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$20 sellers	+ \$0.50	6 1/2 %	\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000 \$500,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.65 cts. on New shares for 1928 Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ending 31.12.29 Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old 83 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Mar. 17, 1929 Mar. 22, 1929
Green Island Cem. at Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	\$13.30 buyers			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 60 cents a/c 1929	Aug. 27, 1929
Do. (Old)	\$13.20/35 sales			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$150,000 \$26,958	\$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ending 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Do. (New)	\$13.00 nominal	+ \$0.20		\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$45,000 \$7,782 \$71,889 \$54,425	\$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c 1929	Jan. 31, 1929
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$85 1/2 b. & sa.	-\$0.25	6 %	\$5,000,000	140,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,800,000	\$97,131	31.12.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ending 31.10.28 Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.29	Mar. 28, 1929
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$7.10 sales			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ending 28.2.29 Div. 80 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	June 10, 1929
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$18.50 buyers \$18 1/2/18.75 sa.		7 1/2 %	\$3,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 60 cents a/c 1929	Feb. 26, 1925
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11 1/2 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$26,958	\$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ending 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Do. (New)	\$8.05 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$45,000 \$7,782 \$71,889 \$54,425	\$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c 1929	Jan. 31, 1929
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$22 nominal		7 %	\$350,000	50,000	\$7	\$7	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 50 cents Interim of 25 cents for 28.2.29	Mar. 28, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.	\$12 sellers	+ \$0.10	6 1/2 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ending 31.10.28 Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.29	June 10, 1929
William Powell, Limited	\$2 1/2 nominal		10 %	\$300,000	30,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ending 28.2.29 Div. 80 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1929
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	\$1.85 buyers			\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Dividend of 6% for 1928 Deferred \$2 1/2 on Preferred, \$ 1 1/2 on Ordinary	Feb. 21, 1929
H.K. & C'lon Ice Manti Co., Ltd.	\$2 1/2 nominal			\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 5% Interim of 4% a/c 1929	July 24, 1929
H.K. Eng. & Const. Co., Ltd.	\$2.80 nominal			\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 5% Interim of 4% a/c 1929	Sept. 18, 1929
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 15 1/2 buyers			\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	Feb. 6, 1929
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.	\$28 sellers		14 1/2 %	\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28	\$4 for year ending 28.2.29	June 8, 1929
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	\$7.85 buyers			\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28		
Singapore Trading Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	10/- sellers			\$400,000	40,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28		
Do. (Pref.)	10/- sellers			\$400,000	40,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.28		
Chinese Estates, Ltd.	\$98 sellers			\$3,000,000	30,000	\$100	\$100	\$155,500	\$345,485	28.2.29		
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	Tls. 11 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	30,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10					
Do. (Pref.)	Tls. 10 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	30,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10					

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No one can envy the task which the Editor, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E. (who also edits the "Peking and Tientsin Times"), carries out so well. For the greater part of the 'Year Book' has been completely re-written and brought up to date. What with the lack of assistance from official sources and the rapidly changing situation during the past twelve months, there must have been unusual difficulties.

A great deal of information is given about the Central Bank of China, the note-issue of which has formed the basis of exciting speculation in Hong Kong. Financiers will be able to read all about an interesting topic here.

The chapter on river conservancy and harbour works has been completely revised; thereby providing abundant data for the shipping community. As considerable space has been devoted to the new scheme of railway construction, much can be learned also about communications on land.

"China Mail" Quoted

Shipping occupies a prominent place and the history of piracy in China is brought up to date. Incidentally, prominence is given to an article in the "China Mail," which disclosed many secrets about piracy, and this has been reproduced in full.

Those who wish to delve into the work of missions and medical missionary services will find that the subject has been appropriately dealt with.

Manufacturers in Europe and America, and their agents here, will do well to study carefully the chapter on trade marks and regulations. Furthermore, the new Chinese import tariff, with index, has been included in full. Merchants are certain to find this very handy for reference and for comparison.

Lawyers might do worse than read up the chapter on Public Justice because the old and new laws are set down together with material concerning the judicial system, courts and prisons.

Aviation

A sign of the times is the useful addition of "aviation" as one of the sub-heads under Communications. Of general interest, there is a wealth of reading matter for the enlightenment of those who desire to become acquainted with things Chinese. Much will assist the average reader of the daily papers in comprehending the situation. Among the most important might be mentioned the following:—

China's International Problems, including the text of all new Treaties concluded between the National Government and the Powers.

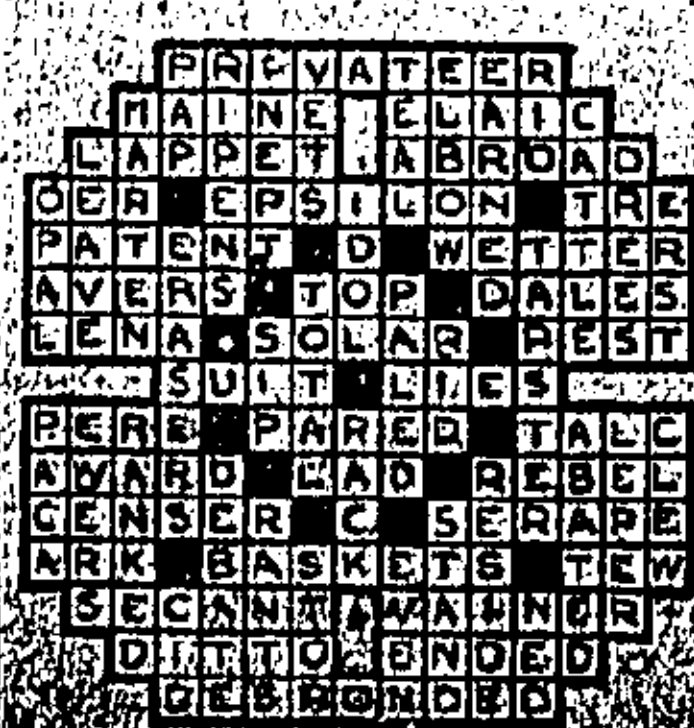
Documents relating to the Nanking Outrage, the Kellogg Pact, the Tsinan Incident, the Shanghai Provisional Court, Extraterritoriality.

The present Chinese system of Government.

The Kuomintang (i.e. Nationalist Party).

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



The Chinese Eastern Railway dispute with Russia.
A review of the Civil Wars from 1927 to 1929.
Labour, strikes, cost of living etc.

Authoritative Work

It need hardly be added, in conclusion, that the work is exhaustive and authoritative. Mr. Woodhead suggests that there may be shortcomings but a prediction is ventured thereon, in Hong Kong at least, that his result cannot be surpassed. The 'Year Book' has come to stay and it has shown continued signs of virulent progress. It is confidently recommended to all, even if they have only superficial interest in China.

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The majority of these "Hot Chestnuts" are new, or at any rate put in a new way. Moses and Sandy form a good part of the stage play of jokes. The drawings are very good indeed and in themselves create much laughter.

Many of them, the reviewer dare not send for print in a daily newspaper of such a high reputation as the "China Mail," but two of the midones may be quoted, to give the reader some idea of the great feast of good things that are in store for them:—

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JAPAN'S READING TASTE

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Detective stories now frequently run to editions of over 300,000. The trend is believed to be part of two growing tendencies throughout the world: one being dissatisfaction with "sentimental optimism" in reading matter, and the other growing interest in criminology.

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Dot iss a lot of monnay, dot,
At your year old or so."

Ike:
"Iss, iss, mein friend, ve know it iss,
But you mus bear in mind.
Dot monnay is not down away.
Ve gif it him on Saturday;
And in a week ve find
He hat it still. He nefer part.
So ven de time has gone to start
De gas-meter again
You zot you zot? De little fox,
He tink it is his monnay-box:
And ve? Ve not complain."

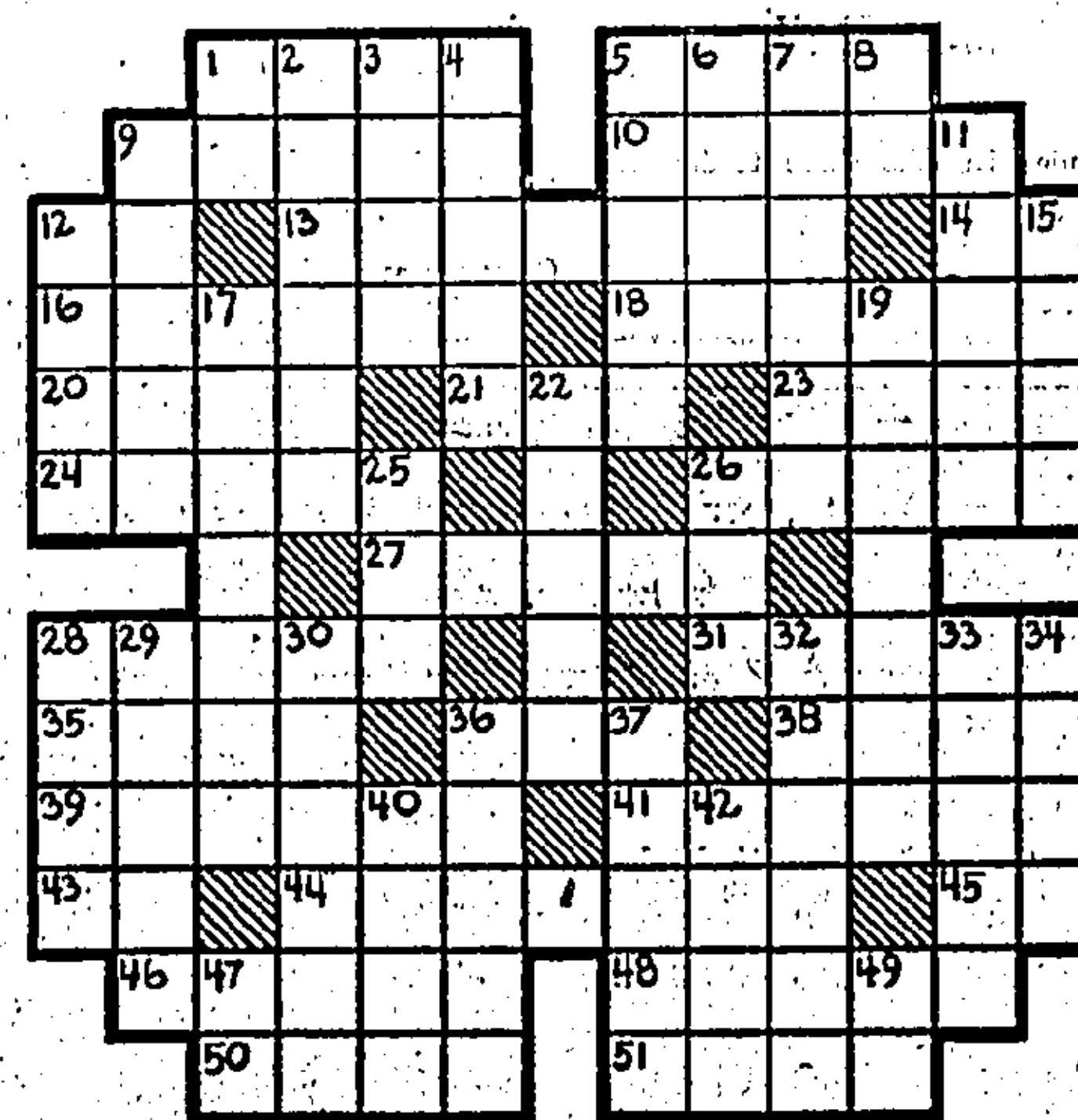
Doris

Miss Primcott came last Saturday
As governess to Doris Grey.
Of whom you've heard before.
And on the Sunday, by some chance,
They heard in church the life-romance
Of Solomon his score
Of seven hundred wives, and then
Three hundred something else. Well,
when
Our Doris heard this read,
She reached up to Miss Primcott's ear,
And whispered very loud and clear:
"My! What a crowd in bed!"

Most of the really spicy ones are too long to reproduce here, but the reader will miss some most enjoyable reading if he does not purchase this excellent little book.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Combining form.
- 2-A fruit
- 3-Referring to the sun
- 4-The capital of Tibet
- 5-Each (abbr.)
- 6-Adherent of atomism
- 7-From (abbr.)
- 8-A folk (pl.)
- 9-Musical chorales
- 10-Obsolete form of "nice"
- 11-Mistake
- 12-Bronze the skin
- 13-Chiffon
- 14-The nest of an eagle
- 15-Leaf of palm tree
- 16-Holy man
- 17-Unlocks
- 18-A mountain range of Turkey
- 19-Deacon (abbr.)
- 20-At the ice slide
- 21-A falcon
- 22-A dried grape

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 23-The name of a president (abbr.)
- 24-Flicker
- 25-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 26-A tree
- 27-Straight
- 28-To throw
- 29-A large extinct bird

VERTICAL

- 1-Preposition
- 2-Excites
- 3-Tardy
- 4-Appearing as if
- 5-Used
- 6-A point of the compass
- 7-A measure of length
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start by finding the words which are the easiest to solve. These will give you a clue to the words which are harder to solve. If you are stuck on a word, look at the words which are already solved. They may give you a clue to the word you are looking for. If you are still stuck, look at the words which are already solved. They may give you a clue to the word you are looking for. If you are still stuck, look at the words which are already solved. They may give you a clue to the word you are looking for.

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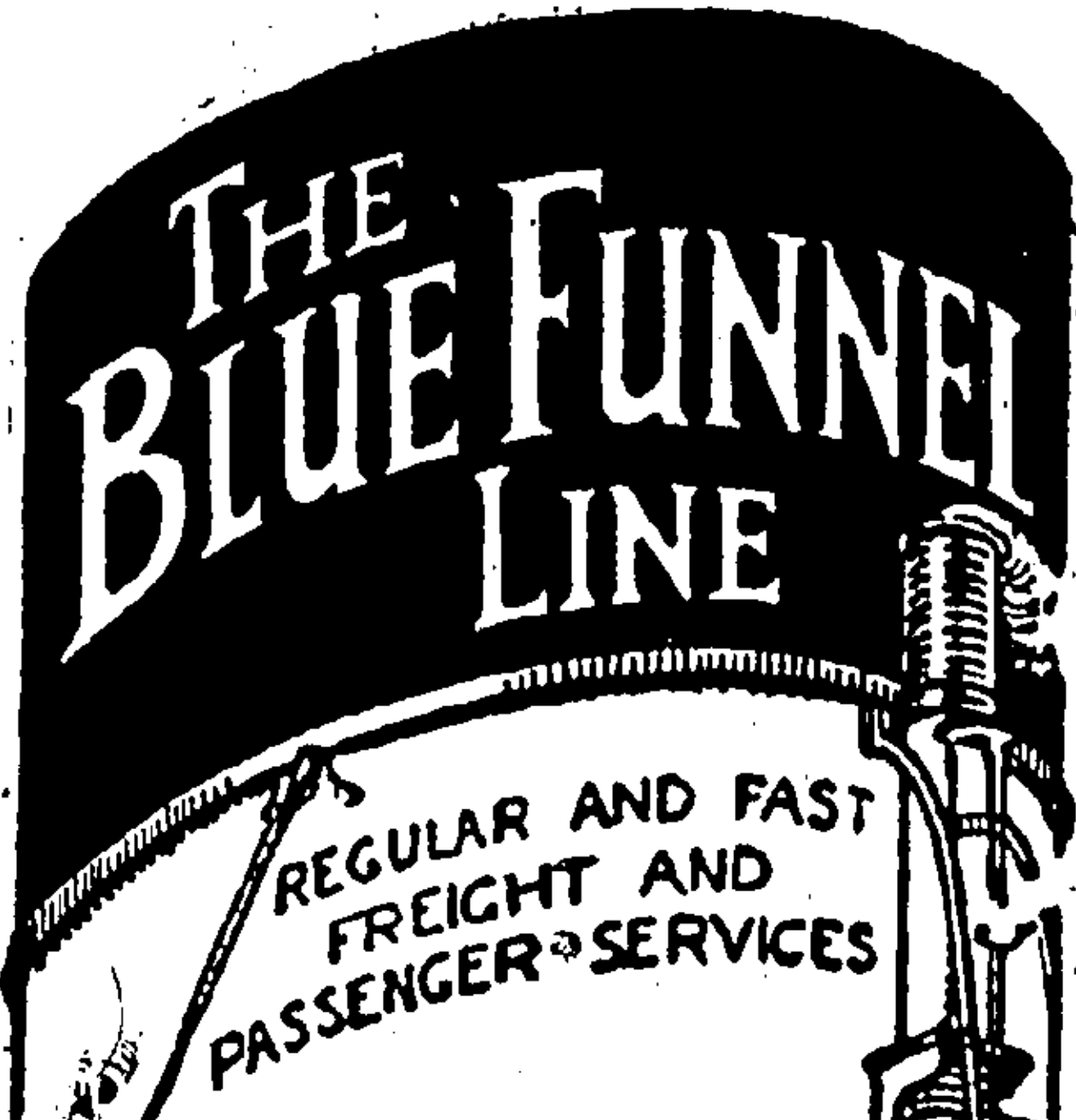
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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Sunday, December 22.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	
Shanghai and Swatow	Chusen	
Manila	President Cleveland	
Japan	Manila Maru	
Japan	Tango Maru	
Straits	Mirzapore	
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Saturday, December 21.
Dairen	Loyo Maru No. 5	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	2 p.m.
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Straits	Cyclops	2.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Manila	President Madison	4.30 p.m.
Japan and S. American Ports	Anyo Maru	5 p.m.
*Europe via Siberia	Anyo Maru	5 p.m.
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Promise	5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Klungchow	9 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing On	1 p.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Tjileboat	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Cleveland (Due Victoria, B.C. Jan. 13, 1930.)	
	Parcels	Dec. 23, 8 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 23, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland	
	Registration	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Saloon	Prominent	5 p.m.
Swatow	Sunning	5 p.m.
Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Manila Maru	5 p.m.
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SOUTH AFRICA AND TUNIS AIR CRASH

SYMPATHY FOR LOSS OF THE GALLANT AIRMEN

ANOTHER BIG FLIGHT

Rugby, Yesterday.
The following telegram from the South African Minister for External Affairs has been received by the Dominions Secretary: "His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa has learnt with the deepest regret that the Royal Air Force Fairey monoplane, on its non-stop flight from England to Capetown, has crashed and both pilots were killed. They desire to convey to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom their deepest sympathy in this disaster and in the loss of the valuable lives of the gallant airmen. Please also convey to the Chief of Air Staff and to the relatives of the airmen the heartfelt condolence of the Chief of General Staff, the Director of Air Services, and all ranks of the Union Defence Force."

Flight to "Aussie"
Mr. Chichester, a wealthy New Zealander, left Croydon Aerodrome at three o'clock this morning in an attempt to fly to Australia in a Gipsy Moth aeroplane. It is understood he hopes to beat the record of Bert Hinkler, who flew from Croydon to Australia in fifteen and a half days in February, last year. He learned to fly three months ago and has since made a lengthy tour of Europe.—British Wireless Service.

TARIFF TRUCE

Why Australia Will Not Attend

Melbourne, Yesterday.
Speaking at a luncheon of the Australian Association of British Manufacturers, Mr. Scullin defended the new Australian tariff as consistent with Australia's policy of protection. Mr. Scullin explained Australia's abstention from the League Conference on the tariff truce as due to the fact that the conference was chiefly concerned with Europe and did not affect Australia directly.—Reuter.

THE HATRY TRIAL

Defendant Released On \$5,000 Bail

London, Yesterday.
The Judge in Chambers to-day released on \$5,000 bail Albert Edward Tabor, one of the Hatry defendants.—Reuter.

XMAS AT HOME

Snow Fall In Many Parts of Britain

London, Yesterday.
No papers are being published in England on December 25 or December 26. There is a prospect of traditional Christmas weather. Snow has fallen in many parts of England and more is forecast. Snowploughs are working on the northern moorlands. Severe weather is reported in parts of the United States.—Reuter.

NIGERIA QUIET

Native Unrest Now Quelled

London, Yesterday.
Reuter learns that Opobo is now quiet, and the situation in Calabar Province is rapidly approaching normal. The Resident believes that the Crisis is past.
Everything is quiet in Owerri Province, except two remote, unimportant centres, where an early settlement is expected.—Reuter.

DEATH OF M. LOUBET

Peasant's Son Who Becomes President

Paris, Yesterday.
The death is announced of the former French President, M. Loubet, at the advanced age of 91 years. The son of a peasant proprietor, he studied law, and obtained the degree of Doctor. He became a Senator in 1885, Minister of Public Works in 1887, and President in 1899.—Reuter.

U.S. AIR CRASH

Five Killed At Army Aerodrome

Washington, Yesterday.
Five people, namely, Congressman Kaynor, his secretary, an army pilot, Captain Hadinger, and two mechanics were killed in an aeroplane crash at the military aerodrome at Bollingfield.—Reuter's American Service.

MANCHURIAN WAR

Soviet Planes And Cavalry Active

Nanking, Yesterday.
Chang Hsueh-liang reports Soviet planes are active at Mientuho and Soviet cavalry was seen at Yukau. Poktu and Hinnanlin fronts remain quiet.—Canton News Agency.

A ferry pier near Wilmer Street, in the Saiyungpun district of the Praya, is to be built shortly by the Government.

FRANCE'S BACK TO THE WALL

"SHE WILL NOT BE RELEGATED TO A BACK SEAT"

A STUBBORN STAND

Paris, Yesterday.
French naval policy was defined by M. Leygues, Minister of Marine, to-day speaking at the naval estimates debate in the Chamber, when he said that the London conference would be only preparatory, its object being to aid the disarmament conference at Geneva. Secondly, France would not agree to any arbitrary standard of measurement, but the French representatives to the conference would reserve full freedom of action for France, and set forth her needs, based on security. All members of the Government are entirely agreed on the policy to be followed and the French delegation present a united front. M. Leygues declared that disarmament depended on security. France had a right to assure its security so long as the League of Nations did not assume responsibility with adequate forces.

The French delegation to go to London were determined to collaborate in every way towards reduction of expenditure on armaments and conciliation. France would state her needs in the ratio of her colonial empire, not arithmetically but politically. She would show that, in view of her world position, she could not be relegated to a back seat.—Reuter.

CARGO JUNK SUNK

Struck Amidships By Another Vessel

Considerable excitement prevailed among the floating community this morning shortly after 10.30, when a cargo junk sunk just off the Jardine Wharf, Connaught Road West.

The junk was being towed at the time by the steam launch "Tak Hing" and another launch, stated to be the "Kwangtung," cut across the junk and hit her amidships. The junk sprang a leak and sank almost immediately. All the occupants were thrown overboard and an old woman, received a bad gash across her left cheek. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

INDIAN LEADERS

To Be Received By The Viceroy

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Viceroy has agreed to a request to meet the political leaders, Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, V. K. Patel, M. A. Jinnah and Sir Tej Sapru at the Viceroy's Lodge on December 24.—Reuter.



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